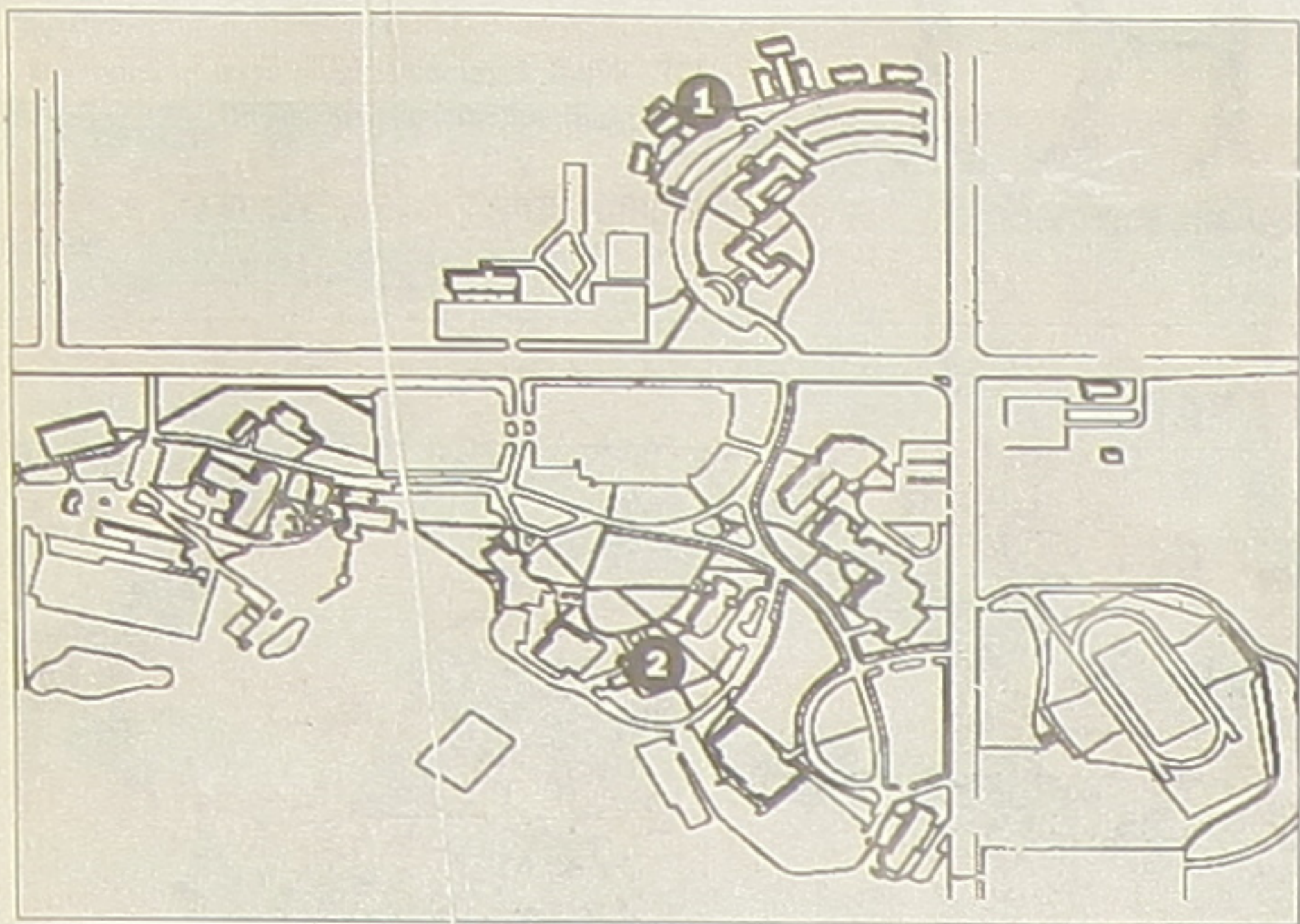


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CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Shooting system places
Southern on cutting edge

By DAN WISZKON
MANAGING EDITOR

Three criminal justice instructors took an eight-day trip to Israel in August

to bring Missouri Southern to the cutting edge of law enforcement technology.

Wendell Richards, assistant professor of law enforcement; Dale Owen, instructor of law enforcement; and Robert Terry, assistant professor of law enforcement, trained with a new laser-guided system the College purchased from IES Technologies in Israel. Southern is now only the fourth institution in the United States to have this type of laser system.

Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of the school of technology, said the



Spurlin

\$60,000 system probably will be officially unveiled in an academy class next spring. He thinks the sophisticated shooting system offers many more features than the ones produced in the United States.

The department looked at three systems prior to buying the Israeli system and decided the computerized laser system was more versatile than just a shoot/don't shoot reaction-type program.

What's unique about this system is that students can produce their own scenarios about anything they want to go on the screen.

"We were extremely lucky to get it," Richards said.

"The beauty of this system is that the scenarios are unlimited and not isolated to the shooting range; this state-of-the-art system goes well beyond that."

This new system can be programmed to show scenarios without firearms as well.

It could train police to handle

disputes, car stops, and other situations officers may find themselves in. It is equipped with different branches, or actions, that could happen on the life-size screen.

"It will enhance quick decision making skills," Richards said. "This is a tremendous step forward for our department."

Spurlin said the scenarios can be made up with this system with an opportunity for the target to be back.

Because the computer reacts in reaction time and accuracy of a laser, a database can be built with statistics to help improve instruction.

"We can make each scenario very complicated depending on what the officer does," Spurlin said.

"In police work, it's pretty easy to teach someone how to shoot, when to shoot is the key. And this system will help you to make tactical shooting decisions." □

Senators seek input for street names

Weedn hopes survey can give opinions on smoking issue

By GENIE UNDERNEHR
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Members of the Student Senate will seek input from Missouri Southern's student body by way of two surveys on the final election ballots for Homecoming royalty.

The first topic is a motion to name the streets on campus. Junior senator Spencer Beck first proposed the idea at the Oct. 4 meeting, and the Senate diversification committee suggested putting the idea on the ballot.

The senators want students to contribute ideas for street names with a "school spirit" theme like Main Street or Senate Drive.

"Certainly, we don't want to name them after any old dead people," said Senate President John Weedn. "We'll also look into the cost of having the signs put up and compile a list of names so we will

have something solid to give to the administration."

The other item on the ballot is a survey to get student opinion on the issue of nonsmoking areas outside buildings on campus. It would contain such questions as "Are you a smoker?" or "Are you in favor of new smoking limitations on campus?"

"This would just be a survey," Weedn said. "It would give the student body a chance to tell us what they think. Maybe we can get 500 opinions."

Sophomore senator Jason Talley stressed that the results would not be binding.

"This is just an opinion," he said. "This is not actual legislation."

Also on the agenda was the topic of a project to raise money for the United Way. The senators want to hold a United Way Free Parking Day, but they still have to gain approval from the College faculty.

"We want to challenge the student body to raise \$1,000 by the Friday of Homecoming," Weedn said. "If we reach this goal, students can park in faculty/staff parking spaces for one day."

The subject touched off a bit of

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Student Senate president

controversy among the senators. They agree they want to have a day where students can park in faculty/staff spaces, but they can't agree on the actual terms of who can park where and when. And there were even some senators who disagreed with the idea.

"We have enough problems finding parking spots as it is," said sophomore senator Lydia Meadows. "It'll be crazy with everybody parking wherever they want."

Freshman senator Chip Gubera agreed.

"I think this is crazy to do this,"

he said. "There will be a lot more tickets and a lot more appeals because students will park in the grass and in the handicap spots, and basically anywhere they want. It's going to be a big headache."

But Talley was all for the idea.

"Granted, we do have a parking problem," he said, "but, bloody hell, we are talking about 300 faculty members we're displacing. And if you want a parking space, get here early. We're only talking about one day."

There was also talk of ticketing those faculty members who parked in their own spaces.

Clarissa Shumaker, senior senator, suggested putting the whole project in the hands of the College administration.

"Why don't we let the administration decide how to handle it?" she asked. "And we have to make the faculty aware of what we want to do. Otherwise, they won't be happy."

Most senators agreed the faculty wouldn't mind giving up their parking spaces for one day.

"It would have to be at their own will," Weedn said.

"The whole idea of this is to raise money for charity," Talley said. "We're trying to give money to the College charity, and most of the faculty should participate."

The Senate must first receive approval from the administration to hold the free parking day, and then the event will take place only if the student body raises \$1,000.

The Senate will have donation boxes at the all-campus Homecoming picnic.

In other business, the Senate allocated \$820 to the Student Nurses Association and \$1,000 to SADHA, leaving the treasury balance at \$7059.51 for the semester. □

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Workshop for student organizations Oct. 16

The office of student activities and the Student Senate will sponsor a workshop for student organizational officers and advisers at 3 p.m. Monday in the Billingsly Student Center Connor Ballroom.

This workshop is a follow-up to a workshop held at the beginning of the semester and is mandatory for each organization. At least one officer from each of the 65 recognized student organizations must be present. Advisers are also welcome, and refreshments will be served.

Groups failing to send a representative will miss out on the updated information the student activities personnel will pass on to student organizations, as well as the opportunity for leadership development this workshop offers.

Failure to attend will also jeopardize the groups' ability to receive Student Senate funding.

For more information, persons may contact Val Carlisle, director of student activities, at 625-9320. □

Homecoming events take place Oct. 23-28

Alumni, students, and Friends of Missouri Southern are making final preparations for Homecoming 1995, Oct. 23-28. This year's theme is "It's a Kind of Magic."

At 8 a.m. Monday, campus organizations will begin building the campus displays.

Final elections for Homecoming royalty will begin Wednesday and continue until Friday, Oct. 20.

Homecoming week kicks off at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23, with a magic show by Kevin and Cindy Spencer in the Taylor Performing Arts Center.

On Thursday, Oct. 26, students will participate in the Homecoming talent show at 6:30 p.m. in the Billingsly Student Center Connor Ballroom. A bonfire and yell contest at the ECM lot will follow.

On Friday, Oct. 27, students are invited to the all-campus picnic on the oval from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Homecoming dance will run from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Holiday Inn.

Also on Friday, a special dedication ceremony for the naming of the residence halls in honor of 10 former faculty members is scheduled for 2 p.m. in the Billingsly Student Center.

The week's culminating event is the Homecoming football game against the Northeast Missouri State University Bulldogs at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28. The Homecoming parade begins at 10 a.m. on Main Street, and the royalty coronation will be held at halftime.

For more information, persons may contact the public information office at 625-9399 or the campus activities office at 625-9320. □

APEC, SBDC to hold hands-on seminar

The Association of Professional Energy Consultants (APEC) and Missouri Southern's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) will hold a two-day hands-on seminar from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. in Matthews Hall Room 304 on Tuesday, Oct. 24 and on Tuesday, Nov. 14.

"Converting Energy Waste Into Profits" was developed to help business improve their profitability by systematically identifying common areas of energy waste and learning how to document cost-effective solutions. The seminar speaker is Ed Managan, president of APEC.

The seminar is sponsored by the SBDC, Missouri Southern, APEC, and the Empire District Electric Company.

The registration fee is \$120. To register or to obtain additional information, persons should contact the SBDC at 625-3128. □

MULTIMEDIA

Lectures now use sound, video

By FEKADU KIROS
CAMPUS EDITOR

The information highway is leading Missouri Southern to better and more effective lectures.

Three classrooms in Matthews Hall were equipped with multimedia capabilities over the summer. The system, which cost \$3,500, is enhancing the classroom atmosphere, said Dr. Jack Oakes, head of the department of computer science.

The multimedia set-up includes a PC in the classroom connected to the College's mainframe, thus providing access to any of the capabilities on campus including the library.

The PC in the classroom is set up with modern technographics capability and has a CD-ROM player, sound cards, and speakers. This makes it possible for instructors to use software that has both a sound and a promotion video. The classrooms have two 32-inch screens.

"It (the multimedia capability) is a part of the class. The instructors can demonstrate a software that uses both the promotion video and sound," Oakes said.

The classrooms equipped with the system are rooms that are allocated to the computer information science department. Three of them have already been equipped with fixed multimedia capabilities. A mobile set-up will be used for the fourth classroom.

"We have several courses where being able to have the multimedia demonstration capability really enhances the instructors' ability to get the information across," Oakes said.

The response has been positive both from the instructors and the students who use the equipment, Oakes said.

"It is a lot nicer for everyone concerned," he said. "If the instructor talks about a concept, it is a lot more effective to be able to demonstrate it than just to be able to talk about it," Oakes said.

Prior to the multimedia installation, instructors had to make reservations for a mobile set-up if they planned to demonstrate a concept.

"What happens is, the times the instructor doesn't have that capability something might come up where it would really be nice if on a last-minute basis they can turn around to that multimedia demonstration equipment," Oakes said. □

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Playground receives \$8,026 facelift

By DAN WISZKON
MANAGING EDITOR

The Child Development Center has received a grant for \$8,026 from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to purchase new green and yellow playground equipment.

Nadine Schmidt, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, wrote the grant with Lenora Wiley, director of the Child Development Center. Southern originally requested \$10,000, but funds for a retaining wall to hold the pea gravel was denied.

"We were just thrilled to get more than 80 percent of what we had asked for," Schmidt said about one of the first grants she wrote at Southern.

"This was a nice grant to work on because it was a good collaborative opportunity for me to work with Mrs. Wiley and establish a good model of teamwork on grants."

Wiley said the much-needed grant was sent to Jefferson City on March 30 with a letter of approval being received on May 4.

An improvement to child safety on the playground was the main reason for requesting the grant.

Wiley said it was time to replace the old equipment due to splinters and smooth metal edges from wear and tear over the past nine years.

The new equipment's design provides for water drainage and has several safety features.

"The existing equipment has been here since the Center was established," Wiley said. "The children have been watching and waiting with great excitement."

Schmidt said the grant was approved rather quickly and is paramount for the children's well-being.

"The new equipment will give the children more variety of activities to learn motor development," she said.

One stipulation of the grant is to have the Child Development Center go through the Missouri Voluntary Accreditation process, which sets the standards for child-care centers.

Schmidt said it is prestigious for the center to go through the process since so few centers in the area get the opportunity. The process will take approximately a year to complete and will focus on the planning and implementation of the program.

A team from the Jefferson



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Ashlea Norman, 3, goes feet-first down the plastic slide while Jeremy Carlisle, 3, waits for his turn. The children in the Center must play on plastic equipment until construction on a permanent play area is finished.

City accreditation committee will visit the Child Development Center and make recommendations for the program.

"And the purpose of that is to update child care throughout the state," Wiley said.

Missouri Southern's physical plant began to assemble the new equipment Monday in a project that should take about two weeks.

The Child Development

Center is awaiting another grant for \$5,936.11 to enhance its curriculum.

Wiley said the College will hear whether it has been approved by the Missouri Department of Health before the end of the month.

If this grant passes, the Center would receive classroom materials such as new blocks, books, videotapes, etc.

A staff development clause, which would allow members of

the development staff to visit six other child centers in the region as part of their training, would be included.

"Increasing math materials, cultural diversity, and motor skills are some of the things we targeted through this grant," Wiley said.

"By visiting other educational sites and seeing how they do things, we can search for better ways to continue our own professional growth." □



How the MIAA
sees Pittsburg State



How Missouri Southern
sees Pittsburg State

OUR EDITORIALS

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

Weekend students miss College life

The schools of business and technology have both reported success with the somewhat-new concept of Weekend College. The program enables students to take classes on Saturdays instead of the weekdays when they have to work or take care of their families.

This is a highly-beneficial program to both Missouri Southern and to the students who participate, and it further illustrates the College's mission to make higher education available to as many students as possible.

But those students who take part in Weekend College are also subject to a few marked disadvantages. Anyone who has been on campus on a Saturday knows it is possible to walk the grounds without bumping into another living soul. Everything's closed except the library.

What are these weekend students to do if they need to speak to someone in the financial aid office? What if they need to pay their fees? They have to take time off from work or take their lunch break to come to the campus.

Every office on campus is closed on the weekends. Even the Lions' Den and the campus bookstore are shut down. And it is rare to find any faculty on campus, except those who are teaching the weekend classes.

But more importantly, college life entails much more than just attending classes and getting a grade.

These weekend students miss out on the educational lectures and programs the College offers. They miss the whole social aspect of a college education as well. Do these students know what they can gain by being a part of a campus organization? They can make important networking connections and gain valuable information and experience in their fields.

Overall, the Weekend College concept does what it was intended to do: provide the opportunity for education to those people who can't schedule around their jobs or families. But the College can try to make it a more enjoyable or hassle-free experience by opening some of the campus offices at specific times on Saturdays. □

YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall, fax them to (417) 625-9742, or send via E-mail. Our E-mail addresses: TheChart@aol.com or HRKP31E@prodigy.com. Letters are due by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

Knapp's letter a fraternity PR gimmick

I hate being accused of "misrepresentation," especially on those rare moments when I'm telling the truth, so I've decided to respond to Professor John Knapp's criticism of me which appeared in the Sept. 28 issue of *The Chart*.

In an earlier issue, I had sarcastically replied to Dan Wiszkon, *The Chart's* managing editor, after he wrote that the Confederate flag was a symbol of "bravery, pride, and freedom to the Southern soldiers and everyone else living below the Mason-Dixon line." In my letter, I mentioned that members of the Kappa Alpha Order fly the Confederate flag. Apparently, this enraged Professor Knapp, an alumnus of Kappa Alpha and close associate of Missouri Southern's chapter of the fraternity. Knapp accuses me of slander and asks, "Does Mr. Hood know it is against national policy of the Kappa Alpha Order to display the Confederate flag?" (Don't be so formal, professor. You can call me Paul.)

The answer to the question is "No." I've never heard of that policy, neither have any of the reporters who wrote the articles on the fraternity which I have read, neither has the woman I talked to from Kappa Alpha's national office. While talking to her on the phone, I asked, "Is there an official policy at the national level of the Kappa Alpha Order against flying the Confederate flag?"

She replied, "No, there is nothing in writing. It's not in the KA laws. It's just more or less up to each individual chapter. But we do ask them not to flaunt it. We can't tell them, 'Do not fly it.'"

If John Knapp is right and the Confederate flag is not a primary symbol for the Kappa Alpha Order, why does the national office feel the need to discourage fraternity members from flaunting it?

It seems that Knapp's letter was primarily a public relations ploy. His response to me was so exaggerated and hateful because the Kappa Alpha fraternity has a lot of problems. According to stories in the Sept. 13 and 14 issues of *The Commercial Appeal*, a Memphis publication, the KA chapter at the University of Memphis has been placed on temporary suspension following an outbreak of race-related violence. The university's administration was forced to double campus security and alert the Memphis police after KA members assaulted two black men and one white man. According to one of the men who was assaulted, a fraternity member yelled, "Go back to Africa where you belong, nigger." Another witness stated that KA members shouted several racial slurs including "nigger" and "nigger lover" before attacking the three men. The Memphis Kappa Alpha Order, like so many other chapters of Professor Knapp's fraternity, is all-white.

According to the same publication, in April, KA members at William Jewell College near Kansas City marched across their campus wearing medieval robes resembling the garb of the Ku Klux Klan. That situation escalated into racial slurs and threats to some black students.

The May 9, 1995, issue of *The Legal Intelligencer* reports that a student at the University of Delaware received death threats after she and some other students protested outside the Kappa Alpha house on her campus because the fraternity was flying the Confederate flag.

According to the *New York Times*, when the president of Auburn University ordered the KAs not to fly a 20-by-40 foot Confederate flag from the front of their fraternity house, frat members pulled the flag down but replaced it with dozens of smaller flags, placed the Confederate stickers on their clothing and cars, and outfitted themselves in Rebel military uniforms.

At the University of Florida, like many other schools with KA chapters, Rebel flags hang from the walls of the fraternity house living room.

No, I haven't heard of John Knapp's so-called "national policy," and neither has anyone else.

Paul Hood
Editor of *The Undergrowth*

Joplin lacks big city life's diversity, vitality

I'm commenting on the editorials written about Joplin, and I'm going to have to agree with J.L. Griffin that Joplin lacks punch.

Jones, one of the two that commented on Griffin's editorial, mentions that Joplin has its drawbacks. For a town this size, Joplin has many drawbacks.

I don't think Griffin did a good job explaining the advantages of living in or near a large city. Bums, gunfire, and crime do not make any city attractive. I don't know why he exalted their importance.

If I had a choice, I would rather live in a

large city. I like the idea of not having to travel two to six hours to get to a large concert or an opera, among many other things.

The nightclubs that Jones mentioned are in no comparison with the kind large cities have to offer. My friend from New York City tells me about some of the nightclubs there that have four floors filled with people with style and who know how to dance. Large cities also have many different nightclubs, which is good because I can't imagine going to the same ones every time I go out.

As far as restaurants go, The Olive Garden is probably the best to fine cuisine one can get, and it is a far cry compared to some of the excellent ones large cities have to offer. There are mostly food-chain restaurants here. The best ones tend to be private. If it specializes in Italian food, they're run by Italians, same thing for Oriental and other specialty restaurants.

There's not even any sex stores here. Fayetteville, Ark., is about the size of

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

Hatred in the name of God

Groups use Bible as a defense of oppression, intolerance

I have never really understood how people can believe a supreme or a sacred being who knows everything exists. This belief is absurd and goes contrary to the reasoning nature of human beings. However, I understand faith is a private affair, and I respect people for their beliefs.

What bothers me is when these beliefs are used to oppress others. Some of the most prejudiced people justify their hatred and bias by quoting something out of the Bible, the supposedly great book of Christians. Hitler based some of his evil deeds on religion since he saw the Aryan as being "the chosen and the pure race." In the days of colonial exploitation of Africa, the Christian west justified its invasion by claiming it was "converting heathens," the natives. Even churches in the South defended the enslavement of blacks to be consistent with God's will.

Extremist are not the only people who use religion as an oppressing tool. The Christian Coalition is attempting to oppress people today in the name of Christianity and "traditional values." The Coalition attacks those in disagreement with its agenda by labeling them 'anti-Christian,' as if only the Coalition holds the ultimate truth.

Several individuals still attempt to oppress women by returning us to the days when our decisions were made for us. The abortion issue is a classic example of this. Their cover is that the Bible says abortion is wrong and thus all women should abide by it. The desire of society to oppress lesbians and gays is also justified because the Bible says it is wrong. I per-

**Fekadu
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Campus Editor



sonally don't understand how loving a being is wrong.

Upon closer inspection, the Bible is centered on all kinds of biases. Among the homophobia in the Bible is undoubtedly the most obvious bias is sexism. The Bible, for example, says, "A man...is the image of God; but woman is the glory of man. Man was not made from woman, woman from man. Neither was man created for woman, but woman for man." (11:7-9)

I am not suggesting the Bible is a bad book. It makes some valid points that enhance humanity. My suggestion is to take the good points from it and get the others. Leave out the hate. Women are slaves parts. If you are a man, "How dare you?," then try to do everything the Bible says. Stop using control, stop divorcing, and stop eating bacon. Get my point?

I am not opposed to religion. I believe individuals have a right to their beliefs. However, I am opposed to religion as an oppressing tool because it is a birthright. Sadly, I have seen a western religion that does not control and control humans. □

IN PERSPECTIVE

Power keeps nation strong

Changing times require much-maligned bureaucracy

Politicians, Democratic and Republican, beat the "Big Government" issue to death. Every election the party out of power is, without exception, the most critical. They attack the welfare system. Bureaucracy becomes a nasty word. The politicians like to point out the so-called pork programs in the constituencies controlled by the opposition party. Ranchers, who graze their livestock on public land, are upset if the government wants to raise the already low grazing fees. The lumber industry complains if environmentalists try to protect the spotted owl, and so it goes. It is a "Catch-22" for all concerned.

Looking back in retrospect, this nation experienced three types of government. England was a unitary form of government and still is. When power to govern is concentrated on a single central government, its form is unitary. France, Belgium, and Norway are termed unitary type governments. Most states are more unitary than federal. Some states permit cities or counties "home rule." Missouri is one of these.

Under the Articles of Confederation, the new states in 1781-1789 experienced a confederate type of government. The Confederacy under the Articles was simple. The central government was weak and dependent on the states. The South also operated under a confederate form of government during the Civil War. The confederate form of government was unsatisfactory in both instances. Under a federal government, the power to govern is divided between the central government and the self-governing parts. The United States and Switzerland are the oldest examples of this form of government.

While our forefathers meant to write a constitution that formed a strong central government, it was John Marshall and the Marshall Court 1801-1835 that handled the cases which set the precedent that the new government would have a strong central government. Supreme Court decisions, such as *Marbury vs. Madison* (1803), *McCulloch vs. Maryland* (1819), and

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Gibbons vs. Ogden (1824), among others, were a basis for a strong central government.

But the battle over states' rights issues to the present. All presidents have reported a strong central government. Such a noted "states' rights" as Thomas Jefferson had to yield to the Marshall Court once he became president. If he had not done so, the whole Louisiana might well have fallen into the hands of European power. Having said this, the United States has achieved a lot. First, this nation has been able to take so-called "Manifest Destiny"—that is, to develop the land border to the west and coast to coast.

The federal government granted generous subsidies to the Union Pacific and Central Pacific to enable the building of the first transcontinental railroad. Panama Canal and the space program are other achievements of the government. However, the government does not credit for its successes. The Alaska Railroad is the most recent example. After 1898, due to the discovery of gold, rich copper, and coal deposits, began to dream of an Alaska railroad. The Alaska Central Railroad was formed. The construction costs and the failure of the principal bank brought the company receivership in 1907. Reorganization failed, and soon Congress came to the rescue in 1912. From this point on the government carried the burden.

There were no wasted funds. The Alaska Railroad cost the government a staggering

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WEEKEND COLLEGE

Saturday classes relieve schedule jams

Additional weekend classes will be offered next semester to add schedule flexibility

By LESLIE ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

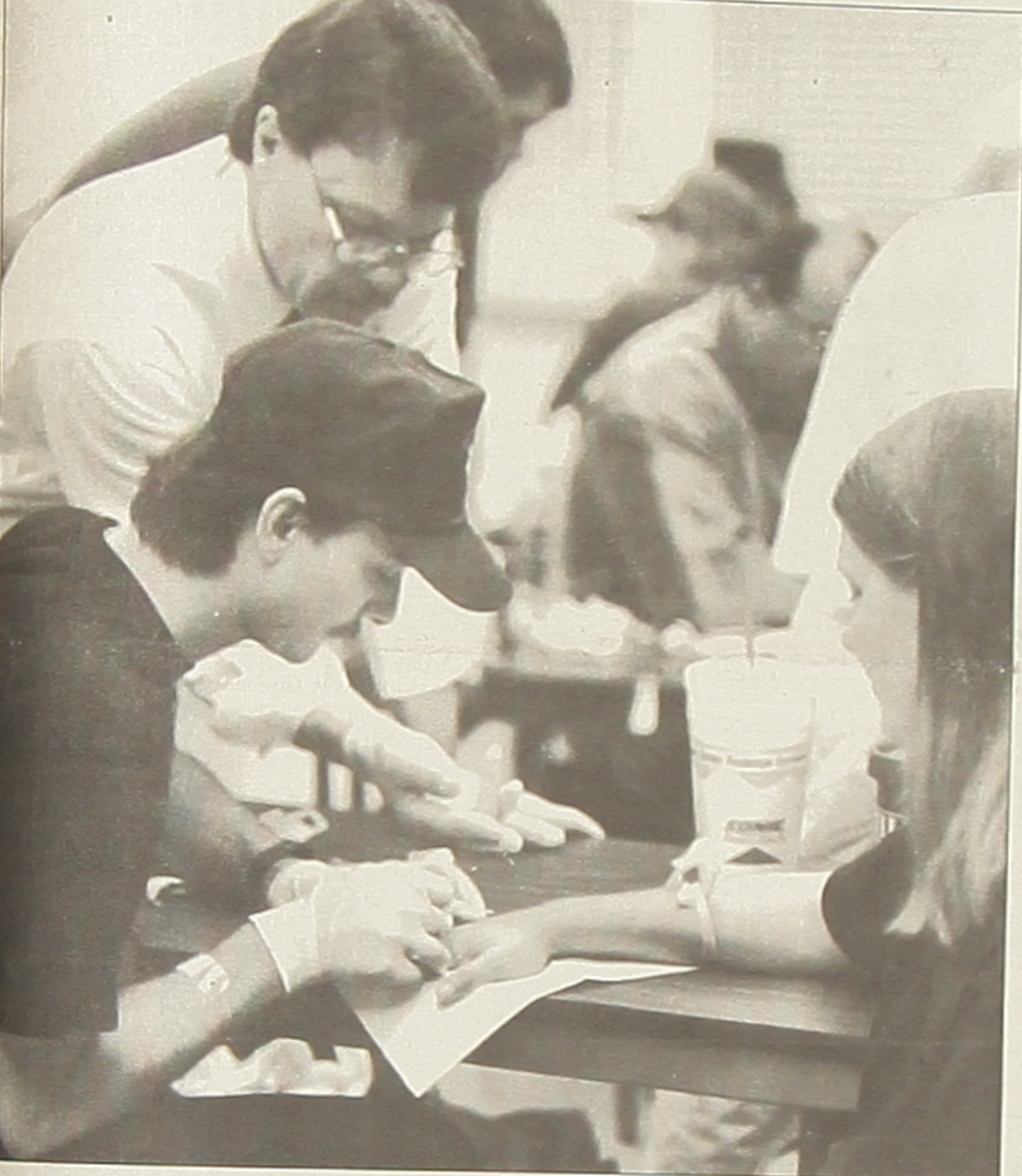
Juggling school between work and family is a big task for some students, especially when scheduling time rolls around.

To aid in scheduling, Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of the school of technology, and Jim Gray, dean of the school of business, have developed a program called Weekend College.

This program enables students to take classes that their work schedules ordinarily would not permit.

SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

EMS courses respond to job market growth



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Michael Krtek, EMS training director, looks on as paramedic student Joel Brust practices inserting an IV into Jennifer Count's arm as the first invasive procedure the students attempt in their 900-hour training.

Expanded courses draw near-capacity EMS enrollment

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
EDUCATION EDITOR

For people who like to live on the edge and can handle the sight of blood, a career in emergency medical services might be a good choice.

The EMS courses at Missouri Southern have been expanded and are running at near capacity.

Michael Krtek, EMS training director, is in his 12th year of teaching at the College, but this is his first as a full-time instructor.

"We've been running this EMT and paramedic program for years, but with only part-time help," said Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of the school of technology. "They finally agreed to let me hire [Krtek] full-time."

A growing job market prompted the expansion.

"Paramedic training is going to continue to expand," Spurlin said. "The demand is out there. It's an exciting career, and people want to get into it."

Course offerings reflect three levels of proficiency, and students completing the programs receive certification of competency. A two-year associate of arts degree that includes general studies is also offered.

The First Responder course requires 40 hours of training and prepares students to respond to an emergency in the first critical moments.

The EMT course requires 148

hours of training (one semester) and qualifies students to conduct emergency transport. The next step up is the paramedic program.

"Paramedics are the top dogs," Krtek said. "It's a 900-hour course requiring two semesters. They bring treatment to the patient in the field."

"We are learning how to do IVs right now. Before they are allowed to start one on a patient, they have to start one on each other so they understand that it hurts. We call it our blood rite."

Prior to using the needles on each other, students practiced on mannequins and learned aseptic techniques.

"It wasn't as bad as I expected it to be," said Andy McCaslin, a paramedic student.

"I don't really like needles, which is unusual for a paramedic, so it was kind of hard to poke someone."

According to Krtek, 90 percent of medics who complete the training have jobs waiting for them. In this area, salaries range from \$21,000 to \$25,000 and increase significantly in larger cities.

Krtek believes the College may not be able to keep up with the increasing demand for emergency medical training, due to a lack of space.

"We're completely full," he said. "We cannot add any classes right now without going somewhere else on campus, and that really isn't practical because of all the equipment involved."

Spurlin, however, has a vision that would solve that problem.

"I foresee a day when we will have a department of public safety with fire, police, and EMS in the same building," he said. □

HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

Southwest lows cars to solve parking woes

Southwest Missouri State University's permanent crackdown on illegal parking has resulted in nearly 100 cars being towed from campus since Aug. 28.

Parking violators have to pay \$30 to get their vehicles out of the tow yard and \$10 more to the Springfield Police Department for a vehicle trespassing ticket. SMSU makes no money from the towing.

"The fact is, what we are trying to do is protect the people who paid for places," said SMSU President John Keiser. "We want to indicate to folks that we're serious."

Students pay \$45 a year for a commuter or resident parking permit.

They contend the new towing policy is unfair because there are not enough parking spaces in the lots they have permits for.

"You pay for a parking spot, but there are not enough," said senior Bethany Johnson, whose boyfriend's car was towed. "So you park where you can and you get towed." □

—Springfield News-Leader

NMSU Center receives \$253,506 federal grant

The federally-funded Upward Bound Math-Science Program at Northwest Missouri State University has received official notice of continued funding for its Regional Math and Science Center on the Northwest campus.

James Clark, director of the program since it started at Northwest in 1992, said the U.S. Department of Education has informed him of a grant for \$253,506 for the 1995-96 year.

In addition, if funding is appropriated by Congress for the future, grants for operation of the program will continue for three additional years through 1998-99.

The Math and Science Center is designed to serve 50 qualified high school students living in the four-state region of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa. High school students in grades 10 or 11 who will give a one- or two-year commitment to the program are recruited in the four-state region.

The students are provided six weeks of summer classes and experiences that expose them to some science fiction literature, some foreign language involvement, and to math and science classes.

The classes are taught by outstanding high school teachers recruited from the service region and by Northwest faculty members.

On weekends during the summer session, students take part in some educational and enrichment excursions and field trips.

During the regular school year, the participating students will complete a project and meet with a mentor. □

Volunteers will take AmeriCorps oath in KC

New members of the AmeriCorps national service program will be sworn in by President Clinton Thursday, Oct. 12 during ceremonies kicking off the program's second year of service.

In Kansas City, more than 400 AmeriCorps members representing Kansas and Missouri will take the oath, which will be administered via satellite by Clinton from the White House.

The event is part of national ceremonies that will induct 25,000 people in 1,100 communities throughout the United States into AmeriCorps.

The Kansas City events will include an awards breakfast with Missouri Lt. Gov. Roger Wilson, a public rally at Barney Allis Plaza, a march of AmeriCorps members to the ceremony, and a swearing-in event at the Convention Center, which will include a satellite link with the White House. □

CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Seminars benefit law officials, students, teachers

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
EDUCATION EDITOR

In keeping with its two-fold mission, the criminal justice department offers a variety of seminars designed to provide advanced training to law enforcement officials. The seminars are also open to students and are not restricted to criminal justice majors.

According to Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of the school of technology, the criminal justice department differs from other departments in that it has two missions. Not only does it provide degree programs for students, it also serves as a regional police academy.

"We are authorized to offer both basic and advanced training," Spurlin said. "About four years ago,

we decided to really start pushing these advanced training classes, and it has ballooned since then."

The department offers about 10 seminars per year, with an average enrollment of 125. Aggressive marketing and nationally-known speakers drew 270 people to last year's seminar on gangs.

While seminar topics primarily target law enforcement officials, some topics draw school counselors, social workers, and juvenile officers. A new seminar this year will focus on another group.

"We decided we wanted to serve a different clientele, and that is educators," Spurlin said. "We are offering a seminar on school violence and gangs in conjunction with the school of education."

Sgt. David Starbuck, supervisor of

the gang unit for the Kansas City Police Department, will be the featured speaker, Spurlin said. It is scheduled for Nov. 10.

Teachers and education majors may also be interested in a seminar on "Crimes Against Children" that will be presented Friday.

"This seminar is for anyone who will be working with children—nurses, social workers, teachers," said Dr. Blake Wolf, head of the criminal justice department. "[These professionals] have a statutory obligation in the state of Missouri to report child abuse, and part of the program focuses on recognition factors."

Two other upcoming seminars target law enforcement officials. "Militia: Trouble in the Heartland" will be presented Oct. 27, and

"Interview and Interrogation" is scheduled for Nov. 3.

Certificates are awarded upon completion of each seminar, and some also earn continuing education credit.

"These seminars are done at no cost to the College whatever," Spurlin said. "We are out to provide quality training, to cover all our expenses and to make some profit. The profit we make allows us to increase our technology."

A portion of the revenue for the next three years will be used to repay a \$60,000 loan that was taken out to purchase a new shooting system in Israel this summer. The revenue also provides funds for travel, new computers, and other technology.

In addition to generating extra

income, the seminars also provide good publicity, Spurlin said. He believes they have contributed to the rising enrollment of criminal justice majors at the College.

Due to a grant from the Department of Highway Safety, some seminars have been conducted free of charge. Included among those are eight three-day driving schools, field sobriety testing, and DWI crash investigation. A 40-hour drug investigation school presented by the DEA begins Monday and is also free to law enforcement officials.

"The name recognition of Missouri Southern has grown tremendously as a result of these seminars," Wolf said. "It has helped enhance our reputation with law enforcement agencies in a broad area." □

DIVERSITY, FROM PAGE 4A

Joplin and has three. Sadly, some people here smirk or abhor the idea of a sex store. But what my friend from New York says about them in her city, "They're a part of life."

Another thing my friend loves about her city is the people. They're diverse—"many different shades." The percentage of people of different ethnic backgrounds in Joplin is very, very small. When I first moved here from California in 1984, the first thing I noticed was the lack of ethnic diversity among the people. When the kids found out

that I was from former Yugoslavia, it was such a big deal. They asked me to say something in Yugoslav, and when I did they just stared at me. In my last grade school class in California, at least one-third of my classmates were foreign.

Jones and Griffin over exaggerated the dangers of a city. I wonder if Jones has been anywhere else in San Francisco but the slums. And he thinks he can walk down the streets of Joplin at night. Walking down a darkened street at night isn't a good idea no matter where you are.

In any decent neighborhood in large cities, people can step outside their homes without

getting shot. I don't think Griffin came from one of those neighborhoods after he mentioned that he lived where 75 percent of the city's homicides occur.

Of course, there are some good things about Joplin. I agree with Shaw on Joplin's history. I'm not sure what Griffin meant by Joplin lacking history. I love driving around neighborhoods wherever there are old houses, especially on Sergeant Ave. My favorite house is the red brick house on Fifth and Sergeant, which is almost 100 years old.

But besides the people being more friendly, the only other good thing about Joplin I

can think of are the prices. Costs on such things like homes or renting an apartment are low. My parents sold their home in California for \$250,000 back in 1983, while in Joplin today that house would sell for \$140,000.

Still, I do not consider Joplin a "city," and it certainly is no "thriving metropolis" either.

Lisa Marie Cor
Junior communications major

CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				12	13	14
15	16	17	18			

Thursday 12

Pool Tournament with Jack White, presented by CAB, sign up BSC 102
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.—
Homecoming primary elections, Lions Den
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—
KOINONIA Campus Ministries, basement of Residence Hall B
12:15 p.m.—
Psychology Club meeting Room 123
12:15 p.m.—
Sigma Tau Delta meeting, Seminar Room
12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m.—
Spanish Conversation Club meeting, for information call 624-7996
5:30 p.m.—
BSU "TNT" Series: Alcohol and Drugs (Part II)

Friday 13

Pool Tournament with Jack White, presented by CAB, sign up, BSC 102
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.—
Homecoming primary elections, Lions Den

Saturday 14

Seminar in Conflict Resolution, "Keeping Your Small Business Out of Court," call 782-1846 for more information
5 p.m.—
PSU Tailgate Party, Fred G. Hughes Stadium
10:30 p.m.—
Midnite Madness at Young Gymnasium with the Lady Lions, 3 point contest, free throw contest, see the Lady Lions Scrimmage

Sunday 15

9:30 a.m.—
Bible Study, behind the residence halls

Monday 16

8 a.m.—
Campus Display for homecoming begins
7 p.m.—
BSU Bible Studies, behind the residence halls

Tuesday 17

Noon—
Newman Club, Catholic organization meeting, BSC Room 306
12:20 p.m.—
Arab League meeting, Webster Hall 212
3 p.m.—
National Broadcasting Society-AERho meeting, Webster Hall, Studio B
8 p.m.—
CAB movie night, *Crimson Tide*, Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium
6 p.m.—
"Moscow Doesn't Believe in Tears," part of the Windows of the World: A Foreign Language Experience series

Wednesday 18

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.—
Homecoming final elections
1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.—
Free and confidential HIV testing by Joplin City Health Department, Kuhn Hall, Room 301, call 625-9323 for more information
5:30 p.m.—
Student Senate meeting, House of Lords Room, BSC 311
7:30 p.m.—
"The Four Poster," play by Southern's Theatre, Taylor Auditorium, free for students and faculty,

DEBATE

Both teams salvage 2-2 ties at SMSU

By DAN WISZKON
MANAGING EDITOR

Both teams on the debate squad finished 4-4 at the Southwest Missouri State University tournament in Springfield last weekend.

Eric Dicharry and Doug Dennis, along with the combination of Jason Newton and Kimberly Lawry, went 2-2 on the affirmative and 2-2 on the negative, putting both dyads in the middle of the pack.

"The quality of the tournament was really tough," said coach Eric Marlow. "It was a lot more encouraging than Johnson County. Both teams were just one step away from being in the elimination rounds."

Marlow said the performance at SMSU is an indicator of things to come for his squad. He said the overall teamwork he witnessed among his debaters last weekend was perhaps the best he'd seen since coming to Southern last year. "It shows we're on the right track

and making progress," he said. "We're making better arguments doing the kinds of things that show they're going to go deep into elimination rounds all over the country."

Newton was happy with the tournament and said better things are yet to come for the squad.

"We are working a lot harder," Newton said. "We did much better at a harder tournament this time."

Marlow said he is fairly certain he will stay with the same pairings at the Emporia State University

tournament Oct. 21-22.

"Emporia has traditionally been a hard tournament, but I think we will do well," Newton said.

Marlow now has an even number of debaters with Stuart Smart's departure. The coach said he left the squad due to the tremendous time commitment that his education, full-time job, and debate duties demanded.

"I think Stu tired and didn't have the energy to put into doing all three things well so he had to make

a choice," Marlow said.

Newton said he already missed Smart.

"It feels strange without him," he said. "I'm hoping he will come back."

With having two set teams for the first time since his arrival, Marlow believes the squad can continue to improve on its first two tournaments this semester.

The squad is already looking forward to the national tournament in Long Beach, Calif., in late March.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

Peruvian adjusts to life in Joplin

By FEKADU KIROS
CAMPUS EDITOR

After much traveling, Lilliana Valencia has decided to pause at Missouri Southern long enough to obtain a degree. She has been at Southern for two and half years.

Valencia was born in Lima, Peru, and has lived in Bogota, Colombia, for nine years and six years in Australia, where her father was finishing a Ph.D. in entomology.

She decided on Southern upon the recommendation of her music instructor, whose daughter was giving a recital at the College. He chose Southern because of the size and the personal atmosphere the institution offers, Valencia said.

"I like Southern because I am learning a lot and it is personal," she said. "I know most people by name."

"The people are very nice and understanding," she said. "Because I don't have a family here, people reach out to me."

Valencia is a music education major who participates in various clubs designed for music majors and those interested in music. She is the secretary of the Collegiate Music Educators National Conference, a member of the Lion Pride Marching Band and Southern's Concert Chorale.

Her involvement is not confined to her major, though.

She is president of the International Club and a staff assistant at the residence halls. She has also served on the Student Senate.

Valencia said she was surprised by the lack of knowledge Ameri-



Lilliana Valencia, a senior music major from Lima, Peru, practices singing in her dorm room for a test in her Musical Theatre class.

cans have of the rest of the world.

"They are not very sure of what goes on," she said. "They view others as primitive because that is what they get from the media here."

"Sometimes the media places importance on the shocking details of life rather than the day-to-day life. When I first came here people thought I was running away from machine guns," Valencia said.

She was surprised by simple things people do here.

"Everybody says hi to you here," she said. "We don't say hi to people on the street [in Peru] because we have a fear for our safety."

People stopping at crosswalks to let pedestrians pass also surprised her.

In a city of seven million people in Lima, the capital of Peru, such courtesies are hard to come by.

Valencia plans to return to her homeland to teach music upon graduation from Southern.

CHEERLEADING

Mascots step up to cheer Lions

New mascots hope to inspire spirit, excitement for teams

By BECKI BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Autumn Lawrence and Michael Slawter have built excitement for Missouri Southern's sporting events as the College's new male/female team mascots.

Many people expressed interest in auditioning for the position of mascot—until the time of tryouts, according to Linda Lunow, cheerleading sponsor.

"When it came time for tryouts there was only Autumn and Michael applying to fill the position," Lunow said. "Fortunately for us, they are both perfect for their positions."

"Both Michael and Autumn are extremely delightful, talented individuals who are creative and a pleasure to work with."

The mascot position is demanding because a person performing must be able to tolerate the heat of the costume while trying to entertain a sometimes difficult crowd, Lunow said.

A junior chemistry major from Carthage, Lawrence also participates in Zeta Tau Alpha, College Orientation, marching and concert band, and Southern Exposure. She received first-place honors at this year's Universal Cheerleading Association Camp.

This was Southern's first year to

send a mascot to a camp along with members of the cheerleading squad.

Lawrence said she is proud to represent Southern.

"It is a neat feeling," she said. "I can hide behind my costume and have a good time."

Slawter, a senior with a double major in music education and psychology, also participates in Phi Kappa Alpha, Concert Chorale, Chamber Choir, and Southern Exposure.

"I truly enjoy the people," he said. "It is a great feeling knowing the children remember us. The kids are great, and the adults have been wonderful."

Both mascots said they are proud of their achievements this year.

"We really have a great ability to complement each other," Lawrence said. "We truly held our own camp this year."

The major difference between members of the cheerleading squad and the mascots is the lack of scholarships. At Southern, mascots receive no scholarships for their efforts. However, according to Lawrence and Slawter, the College has been helpful with items such as camp and props.

"We are in hopes that one day a mascot will receive a scholarship," Lawrence said. "It would be helpful but it is not distracting. I would participate with or without it."

The duo hopes for the fans to participate in naming the mascots.

"We need to promote school spirit," Slawter said. "We hope to see the male and female lion names at Homecoming." □

MSTV

Station offers career choice, good resume material

By RONNA SPARKS
STAFF WRITER

Missouri Southern offers many services to its students that are not widely publicized or widely used, but the MSTV staff has opened its doors to student involvement.

"A lot of students don't realize we have a TV station down here," said Todd White, student station manager and senior communications major. "In order to use it they have to go through the proper channels, but it's down here for them to use."

MSTV is the primary affiliate for The Learning Channel, but many student-produced shows are aired.

The staff is open for suggestions and help.

"We just need people who are interested and want to help out," White said. "Maybe they always wanted to see how a camera works or wanted to run a camera or work the sound; we just want people who want to help out."

Although student involvement would help the staff, Kevin Trahin, senior communications major and student productions manager, said involvement may also help the student in career choices.

"A lot of our students who come out of high school aren't looking to go into television because they're not really exposed to it," he said. "That's one reason we're doing this, to get more people

who aren't normally interested in television or radio, but to get them involved so they can do some of these things and possibly make a career choice."

Experience with MSTV can gain participants resume material besides just leading to career options.

"There's something really tangible in it," Trahin said. "You can work so hard to get something together, and when it's finished you have this project you can show off."

MSTV has access to the University Network, which allows it to see projects from other schools.

"From what we've seen so far, what we do here is just as good, if not better than, what some of the bigger universities we've sampled have been doing," Trahin said.

Although the quality of the programs are high, White said people are cautious about watching MSTV.

"[The shows] don't always come off successfully, but it's still fun and it's us having fun and doing work at the same time," he said.

"Even though we don't have a real big television viewing audience, it's still fun to think a lot of people are seeing your work," said Jason Cole, junior communications major and student promotions manager.

Students interested in working for MSTV may call 625-3111 for more information. □



Communication majors Paul Baker, senior; (from left) Bryan Lawler, junior; and Brian Smith, senior; work at the MSTV studio. The station is looking for students to help with production.

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\$70 million, \$35 million over budget. The earthquake of 1964 cost the government \$27 million more for repair. In January 1985 the Federal Railway Administration turned the operating authority over to the Alaska Railroad Corporation. The state of Alaska paid the U.S. government \$223 million. The railroad is now operating as a private business enterprise.

This is the corporate side. Perhaps all of us

expect more from the government than we should. The trend today is to privatize. This is not always possible. Wherever private industry cannot provide a product or service to the people at a reasonable cost, that product or service must be provided by the government. Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid are among the many social services from FDR to LBJ. Social Security has kept many elderly from being a burden to their family. The poor farms of the 1920s and 1930s are in the past.

Medicare has provided a degree of health insurance for those who can afford supplemental insurance. Those without any insurance must lean on Medicaid. Too often these programs are exploited by special interests.

Then there is the matter of governmental cost. This nation cannot be run on the same budget that Thomas Jefferson had. Some of our representatives think that it can. The population of the United States more than doubled between 1930 and 1990. Not only do increased numbers

require additional costs, but inflation takes toll. A well-informed public is America's greatest asset. But more than that, a well-informed public must participate in government.

It has to be educated to intelligently out the propaganda from the real issues. November 1994, approximately 37 percent of the eligible voters cast ballots. Normal presidential election will attract approximately 50 percent of the voters. These numbers do not speak well for this democracy. □

RADIO

Benefit spices KXMS

By VIRGINIA SHAVER
STAFF WRITER

Cajun cooking and music will highlight the program for classical music lovers at a Cajun Jamboree benefit Saturday, sponsored by the Klassix Society.

"The mission of the Klassix Society and KXMS radio is to promote classical music in our area," said Jeff Skibbe, general manager of KXMS. "The entertainment at the Jamboree will include cajun music and a demonstration of country line dancing."

"It will be an enjoyable evening." Blackened chicken will be the main course of the dinner, with other traditional cajun dishes. The music provided will be prerecorded.

The Klassix Society was organized in 1990. Board members selected from area cities support the station in presenting 24 hours of classical music daily.

"This is our first cajun dinner," Skibbe said. "It comes as a preface to the 10th anniversary of KXMS in 1996."

Skibbe said the reservation deadline for the jamboree has been extended until Friday. Tickets are \$25, and dress will be casual.

Serving time will be 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Saturday at the Cornell Conference Center in Webb City. The conference center is located off highway 71 from Joplin to Webb City, at the Brooklyn Heights exit.

For more information, persons may call Skibbe at 625-9678. □

SOUTHERN THEATRE

Play displays 'wholesome' fun

Student director spins tale over 35-year period

By KEVIN COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

Married life and its trials and tribulations is the focus of *The Fourposter*, Southern Theatre's next production. Tabitha Davison, senior theatre major, directs the Jan deHartog play, set in the 1890s. It is her first production.

"I think the play will be easy to watch for the MTV generation," Davison said, "even though it was not written in this time period."

"It's very easy to keep up with," she said. "Each scene is complete in itself and tight and compact."

"Each one has its own beginning, middle, and end," Davison said.

The Fourposter will run at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18 through Saturday, Oct. 21, in Taylor Auditorium.

Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens, high school students, and children. Student and faculty admission is free with I.D.

The play begins with Michael carrying his bride, Agnes, played by Autumn Ross, sophomore theatre major, over the bedroom threshold.

From there the story progresses through 35 years of marriage.

"It's by no means an easy marriage," Davison said, "but they survive it."

"They somehow live through it instead of giving



Michael, played by Brandon Davidson, carries his new bride, Agnes, played by Autumn Ross, into their new home after their wedding in "The Fourposter", the next production of Southern Theatre. It marks the debut of director Tabitha Davison and will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 18-21 at Taylor Auditorium.

up, and they are better people because of it."

Following scenes include the birth of their first child, Michael nearly losing his head over another woman, the couple facing the realization that their son is growing up, and the marriage of their daughter. All the scenes take place in the couple's bedroom.

In the sixth and final act, the bedroom is being dismantled, and Michael, once again, is carrying his wife across the threshold.

"It's almost like six miniature

one-acts put together," Davison said.

"Michael is a writer," said Brandon Davidson, the junior theatre major who plays the character, "so throughout [the show] you see how his career affects the relationship, how it causes some problems, and how it adds to their financial status."

Davison noted that the job of making two actors appear to be a happy couple was made easier due to the fact that Ross and Davidson are actually a couple in real life.

Though they are not married, they could be "headed in that direction," Davison added.

"At Southern we take a lot of chances," Davison said, "and we do a lot of stuff that's experimental, that people don't necessarily approve of. This show kind of goes back to just wholesome entertainment."

"Everybody will find something they like about the show," she said. "Nobody will go away offended."

For more information and to make reservations, persons may call 625-3190. □

STONE'S THROW

Dinner theatre changes format; serves two sessions of desserts

By MICHAEL DAVISON
ARTS EDITOR

For those who love sweets, Stone's Throw Theatre will offer a dessert-theatre format for its next production instead of its traditional dinner-theatre format.

The Whales of August, by David Berry, will be the first time this format has been offered in 14 years. The production will run Oct. 19-21 and 27-29 at the community theatre, located west of Carthage on Old Highway 66 at Norwalk Lane.

"It has proved its way in places like California and the New England area," said Henry Heckert, resident director.

"I don't know if people will come out, but we'll give it a try."

Two sessions of dessert will be offered.

Before the first curtain, cookies and blackberry muffins will be offered along with coffee, tea, and other beverages.

After the first act, carrot cake and an assortment of cheesecakes will be offered.

For those who watch their diets, sugar-free desserts will be provided.

"In this way, people can dine at home or choose one of the area's fine restaurants and then come to the theatre for dessert," Heckert said.

"Some patrons may choose to forgo dinner all together and just indulge," he said.

"We cannot be held responsible for the calorie count, however."

This format was tried during the '81-'82 season, before Heckert became resident director, but without much success.

"I don't know if it was the format or the show itself that caused it not to be a success," he said.

The Whales of August revolves around two sisters, Libby and Sarah, and their friend, Tisha, who await the annual return of whales off the coast of Maine. "The story suggests that 'old dogs' can indeed learn, if not new 'tricks,' new ways of dealing with the changes life eventually brings," said Sonya Kew-Johnson, assistant director and also plays the part of Tisha.

"This cast brings out the humor and the warmth of the script while handling its serious moments sensitively."

'The Whales of August'

WHEN: 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 19-Saturday Oct. 21, Friday, Oct. 27-Saturday, Oct. 29; 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29 at Stone's Throw Theatre, Carthage.

TICKETS: \$10 for adults, \$9 for senior citizens 55 and over, and \$8 for students under 15.

CAST: Dorothy Hemphill, Betty Bell, Sonya Kew-Johnson, Henry Heckert, and Dr. William Roehling.

DIRECTOR: Michael Tahse

THEME: The play revolves around two sisters and their friend who learn how to deal with the changes life eventually brings.

Sarah, who is in her 70s and is played by Dorothy Hemphill, works to care for her sister Libby, who is in her 80s and is played by Betty Bell.

"Libby is a manipulative old witch," Heckert said, "but in the end there is a switching around of the

roles as Lydia has an escort coming to care for her in November."

Tisha just lost her driver's license at age 86 and thinks it's unfair, he said.

"She just hit a little bump during her driver's test and she flunked it," Heckert said.

"She has been driving since 1910 and

hasn't had an accident."

Rounding out the cast is Heckert as the "Tom Poston"-type of handyman and Dr. William Roehling as a Russian aristocrat.

The Russian is now a gigolo after being driven out of Russia, and has his eyes on Sarah.

"I think we have gathered the cast of a lifetime," Kew-Johnson said.

"I have worked with all of them before, and they are all professionals in my book," she said.

"Anyone thinking about acting can learn volumes just watching these five on stage," Kew-Johnson said.

"Their technique makes it look much easier than it really is."

Tickets may be reserved by calling (417)-358-9665 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors 55 and older, and \$8 for students 15 and younger.

Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 19-21, and 27-29, and 2 p.m. on Oct. 29. □

IN YOUR MOUTH

RESTAURANT REVIEWS



Red Onion blossoms in downtown Joplin

By RYAN BRONSON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

It's different, it has a nice atmosphere and good service, and it's in Joplin.

Wow...a combination virtually impossible to accomplish—but the Red Onion Cafe has done it.

Done it, indeed. Since its opening on Sept. 5, the tiny restaurant wedged on Main Street next to the newly renovated, highly controversial Central Christian Center has been expanding, something the owner said he doesn't mind in the least.

The cuisine at this Seattle-like hallway food house is unlike any other in Joplin, with entrees ranging from a "very refreshing" mandarin orange salad to Arkansas smokehouse chicken.

The menu has a West Coast chicken sandwich, R.O.C. chicken salad sandwich, grilled chicken salad, and several other chicken-based entrees.

The atmosphere rivals any in Joplin, mostly because it takes you out of Joplin and makes you feel as if you've

found the perfect little restaurant in the middle of a big city.

Few distractions riddle the walls. And no, you can't draw on the tablecloths either.

The service is wonderful, as well. The servers actually look as if they are enjoying their job—a trait hard to find in most restaurants.

On the negative side, the cost of a full meal can get costly for a place dubbed as a "cafe."

The regular entrees are normal size compared to other dishes of the same type, and there is a definite lack of side dishes. The lack of side dishes makes it hard not to buy an appetizer (I had chicken nachos), which may be the reason the restaurant doesn't have an abundance of side dishes.

But, after spending money for an appetizer, two meals, and a bottomless soda, don't be surprised to see your bill run more than \$20 (that's before the tip).

Overall, the restaurant is flexible because it serves as a casual place to eat for the upper class and a nice place to take a date for the middle-class working man or a starving journalist like myself. □

SIGHTS

Sounds & so on

ON CAMPUS

Southern Theatre
417-625-3190
October 18/19/20/21—The Fourposter.
Dec. 2/3—The Secret Garden.
Matthews Hall auditorium
Oct. 24—Late Spring.
Nov. 14—Au Hasard Balthazar.
Nov. 28—Three.
Spiva Art Gallery
Now-Oct. 16—Advanced Drawing Class exhibit.
Oct. 27-Nov. 22—Southern Showcase.
Webster Hall auditorium
Oct. 19—Senior Recital: Rob Lundien, baritone and Craig Smith, trumpet.

JOPLIN

The Bypass
624-9095
Oct. 14—Live Comedy Show: Malik Jubal with Dale Jones.
Oct. 15—Jimmy Thackery and The Drivers.
Oct. 21—Comfortable Shoes.
Oct. 27—Walking on Einstein.
Champs Bar and Grill
782-4944
Oct. 13/14—Smoot Mahuti.
Oct. 20/21—Night Train.
Oct. 27/28—Rhythm Station.
The Grind
781-7999
Oct. 13—Mr. Manly 3-7 p.m., Puke Daisies 9 p.m.
Oct. 17—Regatta 69 with Big Bad Chubba.
The Java House
659-8500
Oct. 13—Water Deep.
Memorial Hall
623-3254
Oct. 28—Peter Cetera with the Don Henley band and Crystal Bernard.
Nov. 2—Jesus Christ Superstar.
George A. Spiva Center for the Arts
623-0183
Oct. 14-Nov. 26—Photospiva.
Oct. 18-Nov. 15—Matt Myers in the Region Focus Gallery.

CARTHAGE

Stone's Throw Dinner Theatre
417-358-9665
Oct. 19/21; 27-29—The Whales of August.
Nov. 30; Dec. 1/2; 8/10—Little Women.

SPRINGFIELD

Drury College
417-873-7255
Oct. 19/21—Man of La Mancha.
Nov. 16/18, 30; Dec. 1/2—Traveler in the Dark.
Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts
1-800-404-3133
Oct. 12—Fiddler on the Roof.
Oct. 14—Sleeping Beauty.
Oct. 19—Tuyo.
Oct. 29—Bob Dylan.
OCT. 31-Nov. 1—Sesame Street Live.
Nov. 11/2—Five Guys Named Moe.
Nov. 19—Cleo Laine and John Dankworth.
Dec. 8—Rosemary Clooney's White Christmas Party.
Dec. 9—Winter Solstice Concert.
Hammons Student Center
417-836-7678
Oct. 15—George Strait with Faith Hill.
Regency Showcase
417-862-2700
Oct. 14—Matthew Sweet.
Shrine Mosque
417-831-2727
Nov. 4—Little Texas, Martina McBride, and John Berry.
Springfield Art Museum
417-866-7678
Nov. 4—Surrounded by Light: The Paintings of Neil Blaine.
Springfield Ballet
417-862-1343
Dec. 20/23—The Nutcracker.

REGIONAL
NEWS
BRIEFS

Baxter Springs applies
for home buyout grant

As many as 50 homes may be bought by the town of Baxter Springs, Kan., if a grant the city applied for comes through.

The money for the grant will come from both state and federal funds.

Baxter Springs applied for a grant for \$1,699,765 after the city council decided not to go in with the county on its bid for a county-wide grant.

The state will contribute \$424,941 while the federal government will fill in the remaining \$1,274,824.

The houses to be purchased are on a strictly voluntary basis—one has to accept the buyout—but Darla Snooks, Baxter Springs city clerk, said she has had several inquiries.

Contacting citizens about the buyout will be left up to government officials who will go to the residents to explain the formalities.

If all the houses aren't bought, extra money will be reverted to the fund for use elsewhere.

Home owners wanting the buyout have from Nov. 1, 1995, to March 31, 1997, to take advantage of the grant.

Homes bought by the grant will be demolished, and the town will plot grass. The site will become a mowing expense for the town. □

Day of activities marks
courthouse centennial

To celebrate the centennial of the completion of the Jasper County Courthouse, Carthage will hold a day's worth of activities at Myers Airport Saturday.

Vintage aircraft will be on display starting at noon, and airplane rides will proceed from 1 to 3 p.m.

Hot air balloons will inflate at dusk at the airport for the town's first ever "balloonglow." The expectation for the balloons is that they will be able to be seen for miles.

The balloons are symbolic of the hot air balloons that floated over the courthouse a hundred years ago and released fireworks to celebrate the courthouse completion.

Marvin VanGilder, author of *Jasper County: The first two hundred years*, will be on hand to sign copies of the book for anyone at the celebration. The book will also be on sale at the event.

All activities for the day are free to the public except a pig roast dinner beginning at 5 p.m.

The dinner includes roast pork, baked beans, potato salad, and rolls. The cost of the meal is \$6.

Advanced tickets are on sale in Carthage at Keeper Office Supply.

For more information, persons may call Main Street Carthage at (417) 358-4974. □

Cigarette stamp prices
rise for local vendors

Cigarette prices may increase in Webb City since the city council has decided to quit giving a 10 percent discount to vendors for purchasing cigarette tax stamps from the city.

In the past, the stamps have been metered by the state and vendors were able to purchase the stamps from the state at four cents per stamp. If vendors bought stamps through Webb City, they could be bought for 3.6 cents.

The state informed the town Missouri will no longer meter the tax for cities, so the city council has dropped the 10 percent discount.

Lorinda Southard, Webb City city clerk, said the vendors have not been notified of the discount loss.

The revenue from the stamps amounted to more than \$28,000 last fiscal year.

So far this year, the stamps have collected revenue of \$26,678 since the fiscal year started Nov. 1, 1994.

The stamps are sold in pages of 100 or packets of 1,000. □

IS THERE A CURE? AIDS

Local man claims healing power lies in nutritional supplements *Reality or Quackery?*

By J.L. GRIFFIN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Finding a cure for AIDS would be a bit shy of the kind of miracle that would allow pigs to fly and horses to breed unicorn.

However, a man living on a farm in Jerico Springs, Mo., believes he has not only found a cure for AIDS but has also relieved himself of the dreaded disease. The farm has no pigs and all the horses are without any extra appendages.

Dr. William Lamb, 51, has published a book bluntly titled *How I Cured Myself of AIDS*. In it he claims, among other things, the keys to treatment for HIV-infected people are vitamins and other nutritional supplements.

"I know the solution to this problem," Lamb said. The man who holds no medical degree but a doctorate in practical

and vocational technical education from the University of Missouri-Columbia claims to have contracted the AIDS virus while working in an auto plant in Wentzville, Mo.

According to Lamb, hydrocarbons floating about in the air at the plant brought on his condition.

This is on the order of Hitler's agenda. This is genocide.

Dr. William Lamb
Author

have to remove 90 percent of his stomach. Along with his gastrointestinal problems, Lamb claims to have had lesions on his arms and hands. After a discussion with his doctor about the operation, the doctor told him he'd have to change his lifestyle if he wanted to recover.

"The doctor said I'd either have to get better or die," Lamb said. Calling the Jerico Springs man crazy wouldn't be an original idea; Lamb has been told he was insane by more people than he can remember. The only mental illness Lamb has ever been diagnosed with is depression; he is currently under a doctor's care for the illness. He has told his AIDS story to all of his physicians.

"I don't have a medical doctor with a test that proves I've had AIDS. That's why I've had such a hard time having anyone listen to me," Lamb said.

The farm Lamb lives on with his mother has become a center for his crusade. Through the Internet, Lamb hooks up with scientists around the nation who believe in the same principles or hold other beliefs about a government conspiracy to withhold the "true" solution to the AIDS condition.

"I've got documented evidence that Vitamin C and cysteine (a sulfur containing amino acid) is more effective than anything ever presented in clinical trials in the United States," Lamb said.

He said other scientists have had funding cut off by various organi-



J.L. GRIFFIN/The Chart

From the rural farming community of Jerico Springs, Mo., Dr. William Lamb spreads his theories of his cure for the AIDS virus. Lamb claims to have not only found a cure for AIDS, but also to have cured himself.

zations for doing studies on the effects of vitamins on HIV-infected people.

"The health authorities have called me to task and said if I didn't stop putting out this misinformation, they would send the federal marshals and they would come seize every document I have and all my worldly possessions. That was the ultimate threat."

"This is on the order of Hitler's agenda; this is genocide," Lamb said.

As far as the research done on AIDS, Lamb said it's all wrong. He said homosexuals are infected because of the toxic chemicals they use for lubrication. Drug users become infected for putting toxins in their bodies as well, he claims.

According to Lamb, the virus isn't really a virus at all, just a breakdown of the human body because of all the pollutants in the air.

Clean living will cure the body, he said. Drinking alcohol, smoking cigarettes, and not taking vitamins will lead to a fully developed case of AIDS, he writes in his book. Though it sounds like an old wives' tale along the lines of the old masturbation ramification theories, Lamb truly believes in his research.

"I've been to the edge of death and faced it," he said.

Pigs may not fly and horses probably won't breed unicorn in rural Missouri, however, in one man's mind the cure for AIDS has been found. □

JASPER COUNTY

Gangs tagging schools, police see activity jump

Officials cite Chicago, Los Angeles influences

By J.L. GRIFFIN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Gang graffiti is on the increase in Jasper County. Signs of gang activity in and around Carthage are growing, according to county officials.

Carthage police detective Laverne Williams has received a number of graffiti reports in the high school and junior high school. The city is covering up any graffiti it finds.

Police officers around the county are also receiving additional gang training, Capt. Steve Weston of the Jasper County sheriff's office said.

Tagging, graffiti strategically placed by gangs denoting their territory, is the biggest problem the county is facing with the gang activity.

Rival gangs will also come along and mark out graffiti, making a bigger mess. So far the gang activity has been in the form of tagging and assaulting. Williams said arrests have been made for assaults. He also said there hasn't been any involvement in drugs he knows of.

I see real gang graffiti, adopted symbols indicative of a Chicago gang background.

Sgt. David Starbuck
Kansas City police

"You can't let a group like this take over," Williams said. "They can overrun a city."

Kansas City police sergeant David Starbuck said the graffiti shouldn't be taken lightly. He said the gang problem in Kansas City is declining with the decreased number of drive-by shootings.

The Jamaican drug poses which once plagued the city have all but disappeared from Kansas City, although they still have strongholds in Florida, the eastern seaboard, and a major operation in Dallas.

Starbuck said the gangs are not

mate.

"I see real gang graffiti, symbols indicative of a gang background," he said. Williams said the problem being dealt with.

"We're taking an aggressive role," he said. "We know associated."

With graffiti showing up in high schools, 13- and 14-year-olds are being lured into a life of statistics have shown via death.

"Gangs recruit kids who that lifestyle as glamorous," Starbuck said. □

JOPLIN UNPLUGGED



J.L. GRIFFIN/The Chart

Jade Dewelt, left, and Matt Myers performed during the last portion of a special acoustic concert in Schifferdecker Park Sunday to benefit Survivors and Friends Empowered (S.A.F.E.), a group that helps sexually abused children and their families deal with the emotional trauma of abuse. Seven acts, three soloists, and four bands from the Joplin Acoustic Musicians' Society performed to benefit S.A.F.E.

JOPLIN R-8

Board hears about staff development

One of the Joplin R-8 School District's premiere programs made a presentation to the school board Tuesday night.

The Park Academy staff development program gave the school board an overview of the program.

All instructors and administrators take part in the training at Park Academy, according to Glenn Coltharp, assistant superintendent of education operations. Classes are available to staff in the evening, after school, on weekends, and there is also a chance for teachers to take part in the training during school hours.

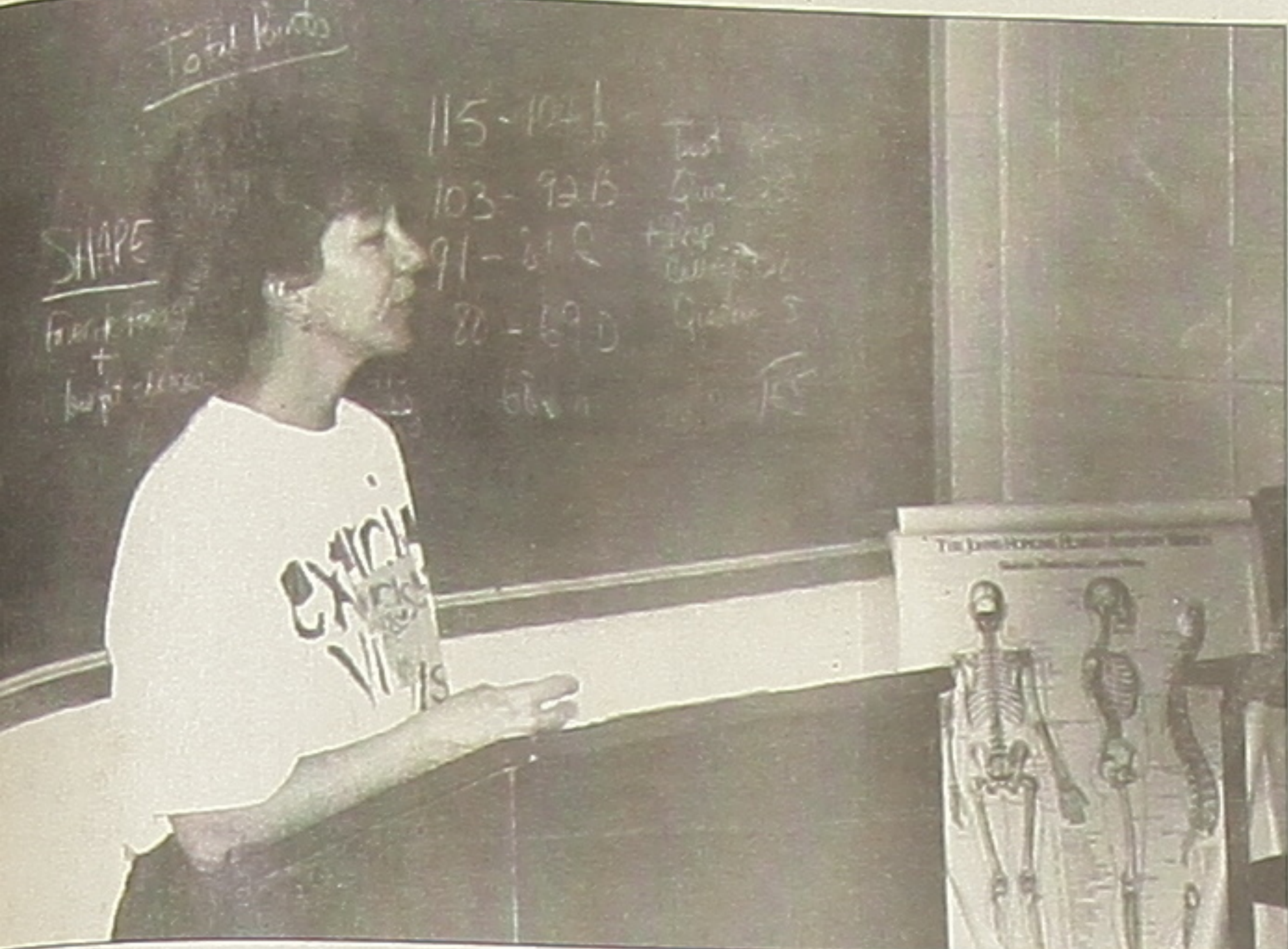
The district was awarded a \$1 million grant to fund various programs in the district, one of the largest being the staff development program. Money from the grant is used for many things in the program.

Park Academy has six peer coaches who are teachers pulled from the classroom for a year to instruct other teachers.

"They're teaching things to help teachers become better teachers," Coltharp said.

Marilyn Dishman-Horst, coordinator of staff development, made the presentation about the two-year-old program. □

Former basketball coach emphasizes fun in sports



TONI DILLARD/The Chart

Beeler, instructor of physical education, coached high school basketball and junior high volleyball before taking her teaching position at Southern. She was the recipient of the Presidential Recreation Award in 1994.

By JOETTA WIGGER
CHART REPORTER

High school girls' sports were in the primitive stage when she participated, and Sheri Beeler is only in her 30s.

"We maybe played one or two games during the basketball season," said Beeler, instructor of physical education at Missouri Southern. "We also had to travel a long way to even play."

Beeler remembers practicing for six weeks at Joplin Parkwood High School before playing at an all-day volleyball tournament at Pittsburg State University annually. This was the only time her team played competitively all year. Not until she was a senior did the season open with a regular schedule and budget.

Born and raised in Joplin, Beeler attended Southern four years before going on to receive her master's degree in physical education at Central Missouri State University. She has worked in schools in Lebanon, Mo., Plato, Mo., and Quapaw, Okla.

Not only has Beeler taught physical education, she has coached junior high volleyball and high school basketball. Experience has shown her the difference between junior high and high school sports.

"In junior high it's their first introduction to athletics," Beeler said. "You have to teach them to work and also have fun. High schoolers are more advanced and have already learned the skills they need to know to play."

Beeler said she misses coaching. "I especially miss seeing the kids improve their skills," she said.

As with any sport, Beeler thinks having a good time is an important aspect.

"It has to be enjoyable because it is an extracurricular activity," she said. "I like the word 'fun.' If it's not fun, then why do it?"

Beeler knows this first-hand. She came to Southern and played basketball her first two years and tennis her first three. She then went into athletic training and taught and worked her senior year.

"Being in athletics gives you good

experience," Beeler said. "It teaches you discipline because you have to learn to manage your time and be organized."

Honors and awards have been given to Beeler for her work in the physical education field. Included are the MAHPERD (Missouri Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance) District Middle and Secondary Physical Education Teacher of the Year in 1992, MAHPERD Young Professional of the Year in 1992, and the Presidential Recreation Award in 1994. While she was at Lebanon, the junior high school received the Lebanon School District Exemplary Program Gold Award for its junior high physical education program.

Beeler says two people in particular taught her lessons she carries with her today. One was Dennis Earp, principal of Lebanon Junior High School.

"Dennis was my first principal when I started working," she said. "I learned more about teaching and professionalism from him as a teacher and as a coach." □

FINANCIAL AID

Hopkins returns as counselor

graduate accepts job
student interaction

AMY DENTNER
CHART REPORTER

For Stephanie Hopkins, the transition from college to the work force has been smooth.

After a financial aid counselor for Missouri Southern, Hopkins has returned to the college where she worked as a student assistant last year.

While working in the office, Hopkins learned of a job opening and applied for it, though she had not yet graduated. After I had my bachelor's degree, they called me in for an interview, and I got the job," she said. "But it's because I worked in the office that I heard about it."

Hopkins handled financial aid transcripts and answered the phone as a student assistant but added her new duties include processing financial aid and working with Pell grants and loans.

These duties allow her to interact with the students, a job she enjoys.

"I like it when students come in and have questions," she said. "I really like helping people."

Relating to students is familiar to Hopkins, who graduated from Southern last spring. Having earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration, she knows what barriers students encounter in their college career.

"There's always going to be that one class that is going to be hard," she said. "I always told

Baxter Springs, Kan., students at Southern.

"It's good to see that you can do things for yourself," she said. "I liked the people and the classes. I just had fun."

In her spare time, Hopkins enjoys attending rodeos and country music concerts. At a Tracy Lawrence concert, she and a friend acquainted themselves

with a security guard near Lawrence's bus.

"We were buddies up to the security guard because we didn't have anything else to do," Hopkins said. "So later on he asked if we wanted to get his autograph."

"Then we went back and met him," she said. "We got his autograph and took pictures."

Hopkins is unsure about

her goals for the future, but said she likes to combine her business skills with student interaction. She said students who want financial aid should plan ahead.

"The students have to remember that this is a long process," she said.

"As long as they've done everything we've asked for and vice versa, then hopefully things will work out." □



TONI DILLARD/The Chart

Financial aid counselor Stephanie Hopkins finds herself in the same office but in a different role. She served as a student assistant last year.

myself that after I make it through Oral Communication, I can do anything."

Hopkins credits her family for encouraging her to pursue college.

"My parents pushed me to go to college, and I'm glad I did," she said. "I'm the first one in my family to graduate from college."

Hopkins said the experience made her value her independence, as she was one of a few

STAFF ACCOUNTANT

Alumnus returns to teach

By CHRISTY YUN
CHART REPORTER

Many people never get to travel overseas, but Nancy Short, staff accountant, got the chance when she visited England through Missouri Southern's summer Oxford program.

"I had never been overseas," Short said. "It was a unique experience."

For three weeks, the selected students took morning classes then toured in the afternoons. They saw many attractions, including manor houses.

Short graduated from Southern in May 1994 with a B.S.B.A. in accounting. Before Short started working for the College, she had jobs in small companies. She put in two and a half years at Pharmcare Health Services.

"There was book work and taxes that always needed to be done," Short said.

The next job was with a small family owned business. Short started her job with the College in June.

Short has three children who have all graduated from Southern. The oldest, Bruce, majored in computer science and is currently a programmer for Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative. The second, Craig, majored in computer assisted



TONI DILLARD/The Chart

Nancy Short, a 1994 graduate of Southern and Branson native, visited England for three weeks one summer through the Oxford program.

drafting and design, and has a job with O'Sullivan's. The last, Jacquelyn, has a economics and finance degree. She holds a position at Barton County Mutual Insurance.

"I'm very proud of them," Short said.

Having a class with one of her children was bound to happen since they went to the same college.

"I went to school the same time as my daughter," Short said. "We had a couple of classes together, so we studied together for tests."

Short was born and raised in Branson. She grew up with two sisters. All three were influenced by their father, an accountant.

"He was a good role model and a major influence," Short said. □

LEARNING CENTER

Zenon: Students need computer knowledge

new faculty member
looks to contribute

VIRGINIA SHAVER
CHART WRITER

Students need computer knowledge to succeed in today's world, according to Melissa Anne Zenon, new counselor at the Learning Center.

"We live in a changing world," she said. "Students must have computer knowledge to compete."

Zenon's father was an electrical engineer who worked in the military defense industry. He bought a computer home when he was in high school, and she was "hooked on it immediately."

Her father had a friend who owned a computer "chop-shop," and she enjoyed spending time there.

Zenon, 25, began at Southern July 1. She is engaged and plans to marry within a few years. Her fiancé will move to Joplin soon.

She is a native New Yorker, and her parents still reside in Syracuse. She has an older brother and sister who live in Virginia.

"My father is first-generation American," Zenon said. "The person who has had the most influence on my life was my Polish grandmother. I am very proud of her. She came to America in the 1920s and established two businesses. She learned to speak English quickly, but continues to speak Polish to older relatives and friends in her church."

Before coming to Southern, Zenon worked at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, where she served as director-coordinator of a peer tutoring program for students who have learning disabilities.

Zenon received her bachelor of science degree and a dual teaching certificate in elementary education and special education from the State University of New York,

College at Buffalo, graduating summa cum laude. She earned a master's degree in education from the University of Kentucky, again graduating summa cum laude.

Zenon said she chose her occupation somewhat by elimination.

"I served an internship in political science and thought I was going to have ulcers, so I changed to education. I didn't like teaching sixth graders, so I changed my major."

Zenon said she enjoys hiking, weaving, fishing, and a competitive game of racquetball.

She helped sponsor a backpacking trip one summer with seven Boy Scouts. "We went 14 miles into the Cumberland Mountains. That was an experience of a lifetime," she said.

Zenon enjoys reading biographies. "I think we learn from observing the lives of others. In fact, my philosophy of life is taken from Winston Churchill, who said, 'We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.'"

She has traveled to Greece and visited most of the eastern states. Over the summer she went to Colorado, where she stood in ankle-deep snow on July 26.

"So far, I haven't been disappointed with living in the Midwest," she said. "My first few weeks at Southern have been rewarding. The people are friendly, and it is easy to establish rapport. I am impressed with the administration's 'hands on' working relationship with students and faculty."

Dr. James Brown, associate professor in the Learning Center, said he helped select Zenon for the position from 60 applicants.

"I conducted the initial telephone interview and was impressed," Brown said. "I also called references; she comes to Southern highly recommended. She is extremely competent and establishes rapport readily with the students."

Zenon's job description at Southern includes hiring tutors, scheduling tutoring sessions, counseling individuals, and coor-



TONI DILLARD/The Chart

Melissa Zenon served as director/coordinator of a peer tutoring program for students who have learning disabilities before coming to Southern.

inating services for students with disabilities.

"The favorite part of my job here is coordinating the tutoring

program," she said. "I'm looking forward to developing into a valuable and contributing member of Southern's faculty." □

Sports Column

Cornelsen's test comes Saturday

Once again, I pull out my cracked crystal ball and attempt to read the future of a Lions' quarterback. Will I have the gall to place



Ryan
Bronson

future greatness on a signal caller after being stepped on by Slug Quitzer ... err ... Doug Switzer? Sure I will. As many of you have seen the past couple of

weeks, a freshman has taken over at quarterback for Missouri Southern's football team. And Lions' coach Jon Lantz couldn't be happier.

After last year's disaster with quarterback/loser Switzer (sigh), Lantz has finally found someone to trust with the task of running the offense. His name...Brad Cornelsen.

Cornelsen and Switzer have many dissimilarities (thank God). Switzer was a coach's son who was spoiled to the bone. The only way he could find a green and yellow jersey is if the Lions were playing the Green Bay Packers.

Cornelsen, on the other hand, is already a success, and fans who were sick and tired of watching the Lions literally throw away ball games last year are 100 percent behind the freshman. But what will the fab frosh do when he faces the most dominant college football team of the past decade?

This week's game against Pittsburg State University is the true test for Cornelsen. I think he will always be good—but greatness comes from great performances against great teams. If Cornelsen succeeds, it may be a only a matter of time before he leads Missouri Southern to a national championship.

But what if Cornelsen chokes Saturday?

Don't forget, last year's PSU game was the beginning of the end for Switzer. The Lions led 14-3 at intermission before the sophomore schlemiel tossed four interceptions in the second half.

Oh, and in case you haven't noticed, Cornelsen is a spitting image of PSU quarterback Jeff Moreland, who led the Gorillas to a national championship after being forced into the starting role his freshman year in 1991.

Cornelsen played behind David Haug at the start of the season and earned the No. 1 spot, probably because of his performance against Emporia State.

Since then, Cornelsen has been exceptional in all phases of the game, especially ball control. Ball control was the main issue last year when Lantz replaced Switzer with then-senior G.W. Posey.

Put this in your mental rolodex— whoever has the least turnovers will win Miner's Bowl X.

Could this be a passing of the torch? Lantz hopes so. If any team in the MIAA has a chance to dethrone the Gorillas, it's Missouri Southern. And if we keep getting players like Cornelsen, it won't be long now.

■ **Hooray for the M's**—I want to give my congrats to the Seattle Mariners. I was a little bit at a loss when my Dodgers went down in three straight and the M's were down 0-2. But The Kid, Edgar Martinez, and company put the muscle on the Yanks. Now they just need to pound the Indians—easier written than done.

■ **Here's to you Mr. Robinson**—As long as congrats seem to be the order, kudos to Grambling coach Eddie Robinson for earning his 400th victory. □

Ryan Bronson

VOLLEYBALL

Traywick earns 200th victory

By NICK PARKER
SPORTS EDITOR

Two hundred and counting. Head volleyball coach Debbie Traywick earned her 200th career victory Tuesday night against arch-rival Pittsburg State. Junior setter Jenny Easter announced the feat to the crowd at the completion of the match.

"It's just great; I'm really proud of her," Easter said. "This is just great for her."

"It's a great achievement," junior setter Neely Burkhardt said. "It's taken a lot of hard work to get there; we're proud of her."

Approximately 35 players, parents, and some members of the women's athletic department stayed after the match for a victory celebration. Women's athletic director Sallie Beard was proud of Traywick's accomplishment.

"It is another indication of how solid our program is," Beard said. "The size of the crowd shows the kind of support the program has. It's a neat thing to see happen. These kinds of things don't happen often, and when they do, it's really special. It's well worth taking note of."

Traywick, in her eighth season at Missouri Southern, improved to 145-135 with the Lady Lions. She's 200-172 in her 11th year overall.

The Lady Lions won Tuesday's match in three straight games, 15-7, 15-4, 15-13. PSU fell to 5-16 overall and 1-9 in the MIAA.

Southern used a larger corps of players than usual. Sophomore

Paige Maycock, senior Annie Richardson, and sophomore Brandy Vanderman saw playing time in addition to the starting six.

"We got to play some other people," Traywick said. "I'm real pleased with Annie [Richardson], and Paige did a good job as well. She got some good kills in."

Burkhardt and Easter said the team was ready to have fun and win Tuesday night. Easter said the team knew it could win if it played well and had fun while doing it.

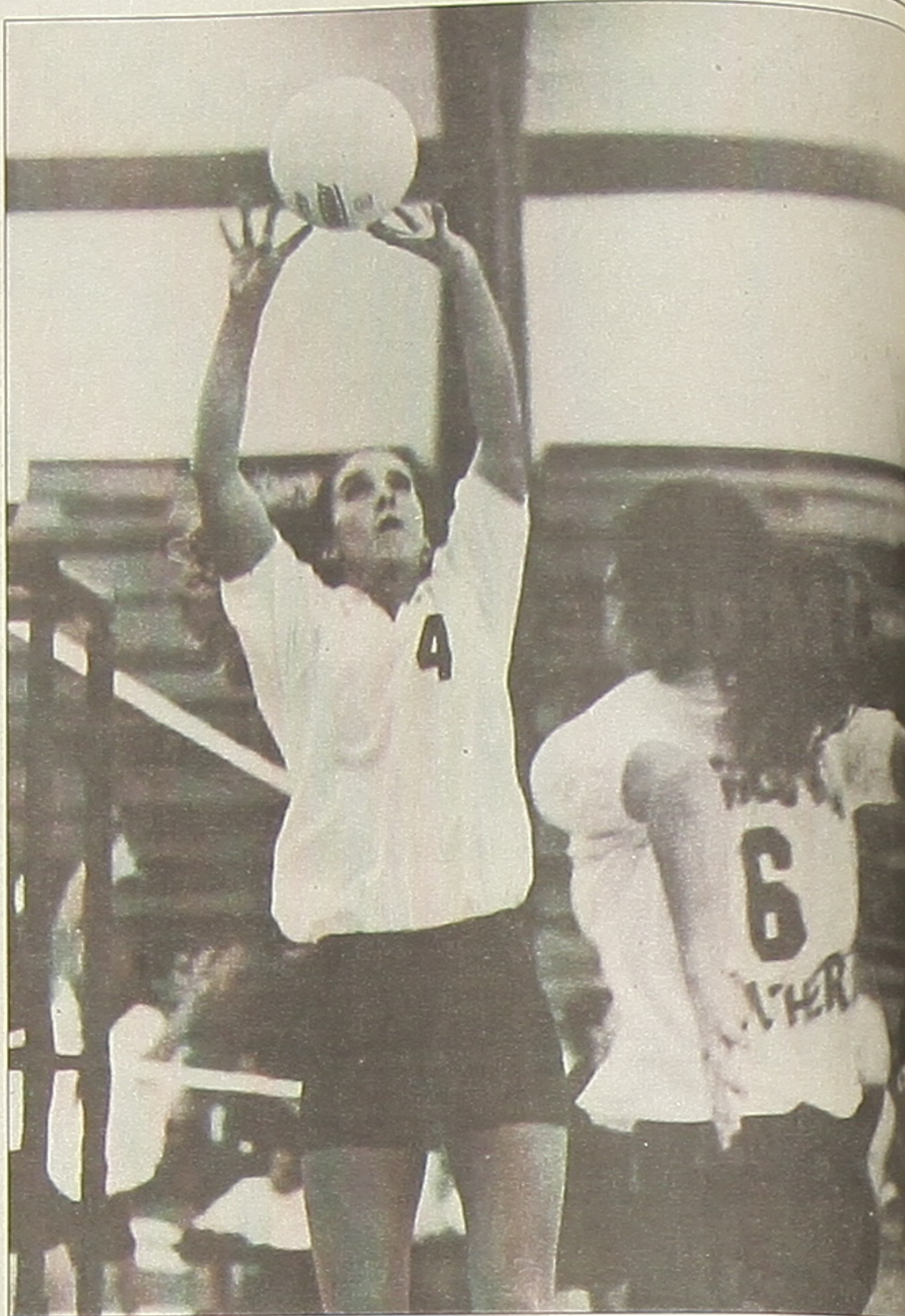
"When we're playing Pitt it doesn't take much to get going," Burkhardt said. "You can just throw all of the records away, because the rivalry is always there. Just say Pitt State and we're pumped."

The Lady Lions had something else to be proud of this week. Easter and sophomore Stephanie Gockley were named MIAA setter and hitter of the week, respectively, after their performances during Southern's three conference victories at home over the weekend.

"I'm having fun this year; we're really playing as a team," Gockley said. "We're 13-3—who wouldn't be happy?"

Southern travels to Lakeland, Fla., this weekend for the Florida Southern College Moccasin Invitational.

The Lady Lions, 7-3 in the MIAA, resume conference play on Friday, Oct. 20 against Central Missouri State at Missouri Western. The Lady Lions will play Missouri-St. Louis and Emporia State on Saturday, Oct. 21. □



Junior setter Jenny Easter sets the ball for sophomore hitter Stephanie Gockley Saturday against Pittsburg State. Easter and Gockley were named MIAA setter and hitter of the week after their weekend performances.

CROSS COUNTRY

Lady Lions shooting for top four in MIAA

By RYAN BRONSON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

The Missouri Southern women's cross country team is in a great position to qualify for nationals, but you wouldn't know it by its performance last weekend—unless you read between the lines.

The Lady Lions finished fifth at the Miner Invitational Saturday in Rolla.

Three MIAA teams—Northwest Missouri, Central Missouri, and Northeast Missouri—finished in the top three spots with

Washington University in fourth.

Emporia State, which was not at the meet in Rolla, is expected to be in the top three when the MIAA Championships roll around Oct. 21 in Joplin. The top four MIAA teams qualify for the NCAA Division II Championships in Chicago.

But with the return of freshman Amanda Harrison, the Lady Lions' No. 2 runner, the women should have a good chance of placing in the top four, according to coach Patty Vavra.

"I was extremely pleased with our times," she said. "It's going to take some mental confidence [to place

in the top four]. They have to go out and know that they are capable of doing that."

Southern standout Rhonda Cooper ran her best race ever, placing seventh and breaking the school record with a 5-kilometer time of 18:15.92. Each member of the Lady Lions squad ran her best time of the season.

Freshman Sonia Blacketer was impressive as well, finishing in 11th place. Other Lady Lions' finishers were Cassie Moss in 33rd, Kathy Williams in 34th, Kim Sneddon in 48th, and Chris Heinecke in 73rd.

■ **Lions finish sixth**—Missouri Southern men's coach Tom Rutledge said his team's performance Saturday at the Miner Invitational was sub par.

"We didn't run as well as we needed to," Rutledge said. "I'm probably asking too much of my freshmen."

Rutledge said the freshmen, who have been an integral part of both the men's and women's team this year, take time to adjust to the rigorous training in college.

"They are all improving," he said. "I'm just asking them to do too much this early in their career."

Sophomore Jon Wilkins led Missouri Southern pack Saturday with a sixth-place finish. Rutledge said the team's goal is to finish in the top four at the MIAA Championships.

Central Missouri State may be the class of the MIAA this year, had runners finish in second, third, seventh, and eighth positions.

"I don't see anyone else challenging them," Rutledge said.

Other finishers for the Lions were Josh Rogers (16th), Derek Rogers (34th), Pete Maniani (52nd), Franks (56th), Jim Lowman (62nd), and Mark Williams (65th).

SOCCER

Southern still atop MIAA after non-conference tie

By J.L. GRIFFIN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Driving seven hours to play to a 1-1 tie isn't an ideal soccer match. Missouri Southern did just that in Dallas last weekend.

"We didn't play to our potential," coach Jim Cook said.

Dallas Baptist drew first blood, but only after a scoreless first half.

Freshman forward Matt Cearnal scored for the Lions about 10 minutes after the Patriots found the back of the Southern net.

"We didn't panic when we got behind," Cook said.

Cook and the rest of the team didn't realize there wouldn't be an overtime period until after the game.

"If I would have known, it would have affected the way I coached the team," Cook said.

Even with the tie, at 9-3-1 Southern still has the best overall record of the six MIAA soccer teams.

The University of Missouri-Rolla is next with a 7-3-2 showing. Northeast Missouri State, last year's MIAA champs, is 5-2 overall and 1-0 in the conference.

Missouri-Rolla leads the conference in team offense with 2.73 goals per game.

Southern is second with 2.31.

Missouri-Rolla has two players leading the conference in goals per game. Gevan McCoy has a goal for every 11 games he's played, while teammate Scott Sewell has seven goals in 11 games.

Southern junior forward Todd Eaton is third in the category with eight goals in 13 games.

Missouri-Rolla is also dominating the assists category, with three players in the top five and two more at Nos. 9 and 10.

The Lions have Eaton and freshman Andy Ketteler tied for assists at No. 7.

The soccer Lions' success has taken everyone aback since the team starts seven new starters. Over half the starters are new faces.

Cook said the underclassmen are a big reason for the team's winning record, but the returners have also contributed.

"I knew we had some good people coming back," Cook said.

The squad took a few days off from practice this week to rest up for a grueling season finale pitting the Lions in four conference games.

"We're a little leg weary," Cook said. "I hope we'll come back with a new outlook."

The next challenge will come

LION MIAA LEADER

SCORING:

(4) Todd Eaton, 8 goals
(7) Matt Cearnal, 6 goals

GOALS:

(3) Todd Eaton, 62 G/G
(6) Matt Cearnal, 46 G/G

ASSISTS/GAME

(7) Todd Eaton, 3
(7) Andy Ketteler, 3

GOALS AGAINST

(4) Chris Lewis, 1.67 G/G
Darrell Withem, 1.85 G/G

from cross-state perennial house University of Missouri at 1 p.m. Sunday. The Rivermen were expected to lead the conference this year with a 4-6-2 record, they to make any sizable improvement over the opposition.

"They're still a team that can beat anyone on any given day," Cook said. □



Soccer duo shares net duties

By J.L. GRIFFIN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Much like the pitching staff on a baseball team, the Missouri Southern soccer team has a rotation cycle for its two goalies.

Junior Darrell Withem and sophomore Chris Lewis have been in and out of the nets for the Lions all season.

Why this unique rotation system? "Obviously we both have our strong points and our weak points," Withem said. "I'm sure he thinks he's better, and I think I'm better, but we both put out 110 percent and that makes us push each other harder."

Their statistics are almost even. Lewis has allowed 1.67 goals per game, Withem 1.85.

To look at the two, it seems as if they are polar opposites. Withem is smaller and scrappier-looking than the tall and lanky Lewis.

They do share one thing, the position

which makes or breaks a soccer team.

"If you're a goalie and you make one error it could cost you the game," Lewis said, "but if you're at any other position one error won't necessarily alter the game."

With a 9-3-1 record and the Lions riding a streak that hasn't seen them lose since Sept. 13, the system seems to be working nicely.

The team's most recent game saw both goalies see action in a 1-1 tie against Dallas Baptist Saturday.

"If someone would have told me last spring that we'd be 9-3-1, I would have said, 'You're joking,'" Lewis said.

The pair doesn't take credit for the team's effort; instead, they say the responsibility lies with coach Jim Cook. Withem said the program was floundering under former coach George Greenlee. Cook took over the reigns in the spring.

Cook said choosing the starting goalie is based on several factors: the upcom-

ing team, how the goalie performs in practice, or if one is nursing an injury.

Both goalies agreed the team's success depends on other players' performances as well.

"Coach got in gear and got a lot of good freshmen, and that really helped the team out a lot," Withem said. "We have good chemistry."

Both goalies have been playing their positions for most of their soccer careers, and Lewis has been nothing but goalie since he started playing in the eighth grade.

In high school, Withem in Oklahoma and Lewis at Jefferson City, both made it to the quarterfinals of the state championships during their careers.

The Lions have a string of conference games awaiting them; how the team performs in this series of match-ups will determine the squad's postseason possibilities. The play of the goalies will also establish the team as playoff contenders or pretenders. □



GOAL: Darrell Withem launches the ball to midfield. Withem has started seven games for the Lions this season and has a 1.85 goals against average.

GOAL: The only thing the two Southern goalies have fought over this season is which one is better.



ABOVE: Chris Lewis boots the ball out of the goalbox. Lewis has started six games and played in eight of the Lions matches.

LEFT: Southern's pair of goalies call the soccer nets their domain. On the season they are almost equal statistically.

Photos by DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

The Scoreboard

FOOTBALL

AA Standings (10/3)

Missouri State (5)	4-0/4-0
Missouri Southern (18)	3-1/4-1
Missouri Western	3-1/4-1
Emporia State	3-1/4-2
Northeast Missouri	3-1/3-3
Northwest Missouri	3-1/3-3
Shawnee	1-3/2-3
Central Missouri	0-4/1-4
Southwest Baptist	0-4/0-5
Missouri-Rolla	0-4/0-5

Southern
Southwest Baptist
MSSC 44, SBU 7

Spring
MSSC, Joey Kenny, 2 yd. run, Eric Patton PAT, 8:00, 7-0. MSSC, L.A. MacLin, pass from Brad Cornelsen, Jackson 125, 14-0.
SBU, James Satterfield, 22 yd. run, 14-7.
MSSC, Albert Bland, 6 yd. run, Patton PAT, 8:00, 21-7. MSSC, Wallace 2 yd. run, 3-50, 27-7.
MSSC, Jackson, 39 yd. field goal, 30-7. MSSC, Bland, 2 yd. run, Jackson 31-10, 37-7. MSSC, Kenney, 21 yd. run, Patton PAT, 33, 44-7.

VOLLEYBALL

MIAA Standings (10/3)

1. Central Missouri (5)	9-0/22-4
2. Missouri Western	7-2/17-6
3. Missouri Southern	7-3/13-3
4. Missouri-St. Louis	6-3/13-9
5. Northeast Missouri	5-4/9-9
6. Northwest Missouri	4-5/13-6
7. Emporia State	4-5/10-12
8. Washburn	3-6/9-12
9. Pittsburg State	1-9/5-16
10. Southwest Baptist	0-9/0-17

Southern
vs. Pittsburg State
MSSC 3, PSU 0

MIAA Stats

HITTING—1. Stephanie Gockley, MSSC, 230 kills, .421 pct. 2. Chris Kalehuawehe, CMSU, 196 kills, .378 pct. 3. Hayley Hanson, NWMSU, 211 kills, .319 pct. 4. Keri Mears, CMSU, 306 kills, .319. 5. Kelly Jordan, WU, 285 kills, .301.
ASSISTS—1. Jennifer Pittich, NWMSU, 812 assists, 12.12 avg. 2. Jenny Easter, MSSC, 849 assists, 12.02 avg. 3. Rachel Galewood, CMSU, 985 assists, 11.59 avg. 4. Tracia Clenderien, UMSL, 764 assists, 11.24 avg. 5. Tiffany Bock, MWSC, 864 assists, 10.16 avg.

SOCCER

MIAA Standings (10/3)

1. Missouri Southern	1-0/9-3-1
2. Missouri-Rolla	1-0/7-3-2
3. Missouri-St. Louis	1-0/4-6-2
4. Northeast Missouri	0-0/5-2-2
5. Southwest Baptist	0-1/4-8
6. Lincoln	0-2/1-7

Southern
at Dallas Baptist
MSSC 1, DBU 1

MIAA Stats

SCORING—1. Gevan McCoy, UMR, 11 goals, 23 pts. 2. Claes Meldal, NMSU, 4 goals, 15 pts. 3. Scott Sewell, UMR, 7 goals, 17 points. 4. Todd Eaton, MSSC, 8 goals, 19 points. 5. Todd Rick, UMSL, 6 goals, 14 pts.
GOALS—1. Gevan McCoy, UMR, 11. 2. Scott Sewell, UMR, 7. 3. Todd Eaton, MSSC, 8. 4. Jonathan Ford, SBU, and Todd Rick, UMSL, 6. 5. Matt Ceamal, MSSC, 6.
ASSISTS/GAME—1. Claes Meldal, NMSU, 7 assists, .78 avg. 2. Greg Schulte, UMR, 5 assists, .45 avg. 3. Joe Fische, UMSL, 5 assists, .42 avg. 4. Brian Koscielski, UMR, 3 assists, .30 avg. 5. Scott Sewell, UMR, 3 assists, .27 avg.
GOALS AGAINST AVG.—1. Derek Mazetis, NMSU, .92 GAA. 2. Mark Lynn, UMSL, 1.20 GAA. 3. Kevin Levy, UMR, 1.63 GAA. 4. Chris Lewis, MSSC, 1.67 GAA. 5. Jeremy Fenier, SBU, 2.29 GAA.

CROSS COUNTRY

Missouri-Rolla Miner Invitational Men's Team Scores

1. Central Missouri, 31.
2. Washington University, 83.
3. SIU-Edwardsville, 98.
4. Pittsburg State, 106.
5. Lindenwood, 110.
6. Missouri Southern, 141.
7. Missouri-Rolla, 146.
8. Harding, 153.
9. Missouri-Rolla Alumni, 278.
10. Principia, 313.

Women's Team Scores

1. Northwest Missouri, 50.
2. Central Missouri, 70.
3. Northeast Missouri, 102.
4. Washington University, 106.
5. Missouri Southern, 122.
6. Pittsburg State, 125.
7. SIU-Edwardsville, 173.
8. Missouri-Rolla, 230.
9. Lindenwood, 230.
10. Missouri Valley, 264.
11. Harding, 286.
12. Principia, 325.

THIS WEEK

Soccer

- Southern at Missouri-St. Louis, 1 p.m., Sunday.
- Southern vs. Missouri-Rolla, 4 p.m., Tuesday.

Football

- Southern vs. Pittsburg State, 7 p.m., Saturday.

Volleyball

- Southern at Florida Southern College Moccasin Invitational, TBA, Thursday and Friday.

Basketball

- "Midnite Madness" at Young Gymnasium, 10:30 p.m., Saturday.

NEXT WEEK

Football

- Southern vs. Northwest Missouri, 2 p.m., Oct. 21.

"Midnite Madness"

Join the Lady Lions as they kick off the 1995-96 season at 10:30

Saturday night.

Try your luck against some of Southern's best in free throw, 3-point and half-court shot contests

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Our superlative sports staff selects it's weekend winners

MIAA	NCAA	NFL	Pts.
Southern vs. Pittsburg St.	Oklahoma vs. Texas	Atlanta vs. St. Louis	win=1 closest score=1
SOUTHERN 27-24	OKLAHOMA 34-12	ST. LOUIS 28-10	3
SOUTHERN 24-17	OKLAHOMA 34-14	ST. LOUIS 20-14	3
PITTSBURG 35-21	OKLAHOMA 35-28	ST. LOUIS 32-3	2
SOUTHERN 30-17	TEXAS 28-20	ATLANTA 32-10	5



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Busch	Coors Light
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Bully Porter	St. Pauli Girl
K.C. Boulevard	Miller Genuine Draft
Tenpenny	Red Dog
	Bass Ale
	Guinness Stout

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- Amstel Light - Netherlands
- Bass Ale - England
- Chinay Red - Belgium
- Corona - Mexico
- Grolsch - Netherlands
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- Harp's Lager - Ireland
- Heineken - Netherlands
- Moretti or Peroni - Italy
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GINSENG, SIBERIAN — Nerve tonic, energy, longevity.
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GOTU KOLA — Memory, vitality.
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By CASEY MILLER
EDITORIAL EDITOR

For a growing number of Joplin-area residents, good health and well being start from the ground up.

The alternative health movement, or herbal treatment, is slowly gaining popularity as more and more people turn to organic substances to feed their body, according to Ann Sutton, owner of Natural Health Center. The store, located at 511 N. Range Line, Suite C, is one of a handful of local shops that deal primarily with herbs.

"Your body can cure and heal itself if you give it the right tools," Sutton said. "Herbs are food for your body. They are created to do whatever your body needs to maintain itself."

Herbal enthusiasts claim the treatment is better than conventional medicine because they cause little or no side effects. Rather than chemically isolating the active ingredient of a plant as the typical pill does, herbal treatment uses the whole plant.

Some have strange, exotic names like Gintu Gota Kola and Pau D'Arco. Others are everyday food garnishments like garlic and parsley. It's been said that herbs help treat a variety of conditions from ulcers to impotency.

One thing they cannot legally offer is a cure. The FDA regulates herbs as food so herb dealers have to be careful not to make specific claims.

"They can't be proven to work scientifically," Sutton said, "and I can't diagnose because I'm not a doctor. I just tell them what helps me."

The only thing herbs can rely on for validity is testimony through regular users. Adena Kennedy, Joplin, is a customer who believes in the healing power of the herb.

"They make you feel better and give you what you need," Kennedy said. "You go to the doctor and it's expensive and you don't feel any better. They just want your money."

Denise Thornton, an employee of Natural Health Center, has been using herbs on her grandchildren for four years and claims they have worked just fine.

"We've treated everything from strep throat to impetigo to diarrhea," Thornton said.

Sutton likes to use herself as the best example.

While teaching at Carl Junction High

School in 1990, she underwent surgery and never recovered from her sickness. She developed the Epstein-Barr virus which causes symptoms of debilitating fatigue, muscle aches, and joint pain.

"The doctors said they had nothing for it and that I might get over it in nine or 10 years," she said. "That was their diagnosis. I did not want to accept that diagnosis."

She began educating herself about the disease, and through a series of circumstances, ended up at an herb shop. She took home three bottles of herb pills and within a few days noted a visible improvement in her condition.

"It was my first glimmer of hope," said Sutton, who claims to be fully recovered from the condition.

Already armed with a bachelor's degree in education from Missouri Southern, Sutton decided to use her

knowledge of teaching to educate people about this new treatment. She now holds a naturopathic degree and a master herbalist designation, and she is also a certified natural health professional.

In March, Sutton opened the Natural Health Center with the motto, "Helping people help themselves to a healthier happier life."

Also on board at the store is Lynn Adams, a licensed massage therapist who plays relaxing music to customers while giving 15-minute chair massages at \$10 a pop.

Sutton is aware that skeptics, particularly those in the medical community, tend to scoff at alternative health as just snake-oil sales with no real benefit to health.

"Doctors have their place, and I respect that—and I feel they should respect me because I have a place also," Sutton said. "Some people are so sensitive to drugs. What do people do when they can't take drugs? You have to have something."

The herb movement is a booming industry but has yet to reach mass appeal. Words like Parthenium and Yellow Dock haven't exactly become household names. Sutton said her customers are normally the ones who have tried other methods and are looking for something different.

"It has caught on, but it's more word-of-mouth," she said. "I've advertised a little bit, but it doesn't bring much business."

Meanwhile, Sutton is reading countless books on herbs and plans to have monthly meetings to discuss the benefits of this cult status medicine. □

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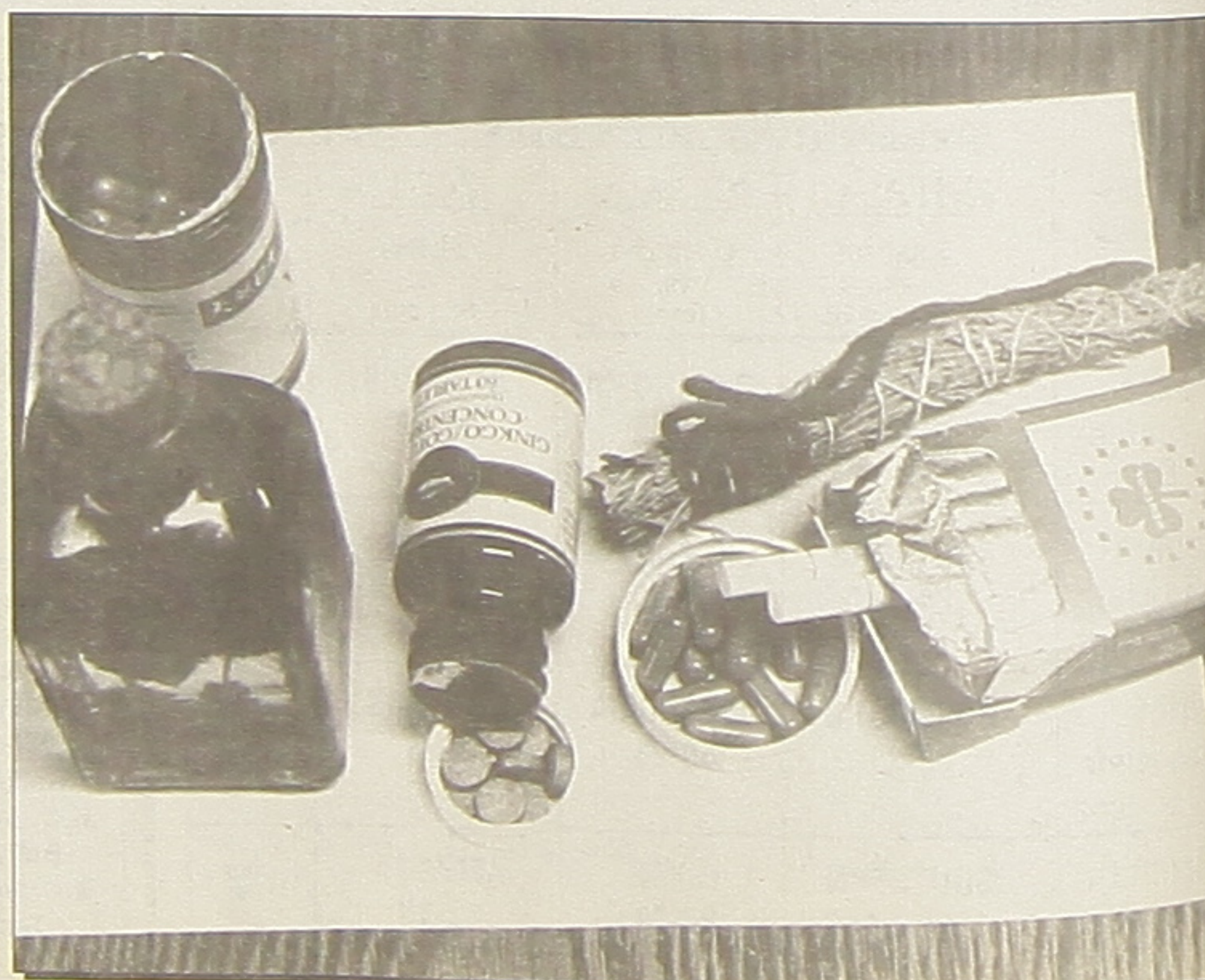
Ann Sutton
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Ann Sutton, owner of the Natural Health Center, administers an ear candle to employee Denise Thornton. The candle is used to remove excessive blockage and drainage from the ear. After the treatment, there was more than two inches of wax in the candle.

Herbs come in all shapes, sizes, and forms. They are alleged to have a variety of uses including increase of brain power, treatment of nervous conditions, the common cold, aphrodisiacs, and to help end tobacco addiction. Herbalists claim these products aid the body in healing itself with no side affects. Herbs can not be prescribed as medicine because there is no scientific proof they actually work.



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